Tiger Prawns

Tiger Prawn (Penaeus esculentus)

The tiger prawn season in Moreton Bay provides roaring value for money and a freshness and quality that stands out like the stripes on the prawn.

Seasonality: January to June

Flavour: Rich ocean taste **Texture: Firm and meaty**

Oil content: Low

Moisture: Moist and Juscious Harvested from: Moreton Bay

Harvest Method: Bay trawling (otter) Stock Status: Sustainably fished



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Fishers and consumers get the best results when in harmony with the environment.

It is possible to snap freeze prawns on board the trawler to -18°C soon after capture. This locks in the freshness until they are thawed, optimally 24 hours before eating.







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Recipe: Gnocchi and Tiger Prawns in Tomato Sauce

Serves 6

Note: For a fast food fix, simply purchase the gnocchi ready made.

Ingredients

I kg Moreton Bay Fresh (uncooked) Tiger Prawns, peeled and deveined.

25ml vegetable oil

500g Roma tomatoes, blanched, peeled and diced

(or I small tin Italian peeled tomatoes, diced)

1/2 large brown onion, finely chopped

4 cloves garlic, peeled and crushed

50ml extra virgin olive oil

18 large fresh basil leaves

Method

- Warm olive oil in a heavy based pot. Add onions and cook until transparent. Add garlic and tomato. Simmer for 20 minutes.
- Saute prawns in vegetable oil until almost cooked. Add tomato sauce, gnocchi and basil (retain 1/3 basil leaves and slice finely for garnish).
- 3. Simmer for 3-4 minutes. Divide evenly between 6 bowls.
- 4. Garnish and serve immediately.

Ingredients for Gnocchi

250g potatoes, preferably Kipfler, Bintje or another waxy style

25g butter

2 egg yolks

1/3 cup plain flour

2 pinches nutmeg

80g parmesan, grated

2 dessertspoons semolina

Method for Gnocchi

- I. Peel and boil potatoes until soft. Drain well and mash finely.
- 2. Add butter, egg yolks, flour, nutmeg, parmesan and semolina.
- 3. Season with salt and pepper. Mix well.
- 4. Bring 4L of lightly salted water to the boil in a heavy pot.
- 5. With a teaspoon, drop small amount of mixture into the water.
- 6. Use small amount at a time to avoid sticking.
- After gnocchi is cooked (3-5 minutes) remove from pot with a slotted spoon and drop into cold water.

Recipes courtesy of David Pugh, Executive Chef, Restaurant Two



