

Crème Brulee

600ml thickened cream
1 vanilla bean split, seeds scraped
6 egg yolks
% cup caster sugar
Demerara sugar to top the puddings

- 1. Preheat oven to 120 degrees Celsius
- 2. Over a medium heat, place the cream, vanilla seeds and pod in a saucepan and bring to scalding point then remove from heat
- 3. In a mixing bowl, whisk together sugar and egg yolks for 2 3 minutes until the mixture becomes pale, thick and creamy
- 4. Continue whisking the egg mixture while slowly pouring in the hot cream mixture
- 5. Strain the crème brulee mixture into a large jug then carefully fill 8x ½ cup capacity ramekin bowls/dishes
- 6. Line a deep roasting pan with a tea towel and place the ramekin dishes on top
- 7. Boil a kettle of water and pour the boiling water into the roasting pan until the water reaches half way up the sides of the ramekin bowls
- 8. Bake the puddings for at least 40 minutes or until the custard has just set
- 9. Remove ramekins from the water bath and set aside to cool
- 10. At this point, the creme brulee puddings can be refrigerated until you are ready to serve (these keep well for several days)
- 11. Before serving, top each crème brulee with a generous sprinkling of demerara sugar and use a kitchen blow-torch to burn the sugar until it reaches a deep golden colour now you are ready to crack the toffee top with a spoon and enjoy!