Monkfish on a Bed of Lentils

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Earthy lentils work super well with meaty monkfish in this recipe and a little bit of lemon flavoured olive oil helps to lift all the flavours. Juniper berries help to give everything a complex flavour. Serve with a light salad on the side and some ciabatta rolls.

Ingredients:

425g monkfish, skinned and boned

410g tin green lentils, drained and washed

4 shallots

9 juniper berries

2 tbsp. lemon olive oil

1 tsp. minced garlic

1 tbsp. olive oil

Salt and pepper

Directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 180C. Thinly slice the shallots and grind the juniper berries.
- 2. Marinate the fish in the lemon oil, shallots and juniper berries for 10 minutes. Remove the monkfish from the marinade and pat dry.
- 3. Heat a frying pan over a high heat. Once very hot, add the fish. Fry on either side until well browned and then put the pan into the oven for 5-6 minutes. Once cooked, slice into 4 portions.
- 4. In another frying pan, cook the shallots and juniper berries in the marinade along with the lemon oil for 5-6 minutes until softened and sweet.
- 5. In another pan, heat together the lentils, garlic and olive oil. Once warm, pile onto 4 plates. Top with the monkfish and the shallots.

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