



### Product Spotlight: Fennel

Fennel has a mild liquorice flavour and is a very versatile vegetable! If you are not used to cooking with it, try substituting celery or onion in some recipes with fennel! It works well in casseroles, soups, and lasagne too!



## Tomato Baked Ricotta Balls

### with Lemon and Garlic

Creamy garlic and lemon ricotta balls, baked in a delicious tomato sauce, finished with fresh basil and served alongside a fresh fennel and rocket salad with wholemeal bread for dipping.



25 minutes



4 servings



Vegetarian

## Add some pasta!

*Make the tomato sauce per the recipe and stir ricotta through for a creamy touch! Toss with pasta or noodles of choice and serve with garlic bread.*

Per serve: **PROTEIN** 24g **TOTAL FAT** 27g **CARBOHYDRATES** 62g

## FROM YOUR BOX

BROWN ONION	1
ZUCCHINI	1
GARLIC CLOVES	2
TOMATO SUGO	1 jar
LEMON	1
RICOTTA	1 tub
FENNEL	1 bulb
ROCKET LEAVES	1 bag
WHOLEMEAL 5-SEED LOAF	1
BASIL	1 packet

## FROM YOUR PANTRY

oil for cooking, olive oil, fennel seeds, salt, pepper

## KEY UTENSILS

large ovenproof frypan

## NOTES

If unsure, 1/2 jar equates to 1 cup water.

For really firm ricotta balls, add 1 egg and 2-3 tbsp bread crumbs to the ricotta mix.

If your frypan is not ovenproof, transfer the tomato sauce mix into an oven dish at step 4. Spoon ricotta balls into oven dish.

Toast the bread or make garlic bread if you wish!

**No gluten option - bread is replaced with GF Turkish rolls.** Toast the Turkish rolls in the oven for 5 minutes until warm and crunchy.



### 1. SAUTÉ THE VEGETABLES

Set oven to 220°C.

Heat a large ovenproof frypan over medium-high heat with **oil**. Slice onion, grate zucchini and crush 1 garlic clove. Add to pan as you go and sauté for 5 minutes.



### 2. SIMMER THE TOMATO SAUCE

Pour in tomato sugo and **1/2 jar water** (see notes). Simmer for 5 minutes over medium heat. Season to taste with **salt and pepper**.



### 3. MIX THE RICOTTA

Meanwhile, zest lemon and crush remaining garlic clove. Add to a bowl along with ricotta, **2 tsp fennel seeds, salt and pepper** (see notes). Mix to combine.



### 4. BAKE THE RICOTTA BALLS

Remove tomato sauce from heat (see notes). Add tablespoonfuls of ricotta mix to sauce. Drizzle over **olive oil**. Bake in the oven for 10-15 minutes.



### 5. MAKE THE SALAD

Juice 1/2 lemon (wedge remaining) into a large bowl. Add **2 tbsp olive oil, salt and pepper**. Whisk to combine. Finely slice fennel. Add to bowl along with rocket leaves. Toss to combine.



### 6. FINISH AND SERVE

Slice the bread to your preferred thickness (see notes).

Serve baked ricotta tableside along with bread rolls for dipping, salad and lemon wedges. Top with basil leaves.

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