

## **EGGPLANT CANNELLONI**

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PREP TIME 25 MINS

COOKING TIME 50 MINS

SERVES 4

With layers of eggplant, prosciutto and our Mozzarella Cheese, this delicious Italian-inspired cannelloni dish is sure to become a favourite at the dinner table. It's elegant enough to serve for guests, but rustic and casual enough for everyday.

## Ingredients

- 2 large eggplants, ends trimmed and cut lengthways into 1cm thick slices
- 40g Mainland Natural Butter, melted
- · 200g thinly sliced prosciutto
- 450g Perfect Italiano Ricotta Cheese
- A handful of baby spinach leaves
- 1 cup grated Mainland Parmesan Cheese
- 1/2 cup flat leaf parsley, chopped
- · 1 egg, lightly beaten
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 450g Italian tomato cooking sauce
- 2 cups Mainland Mozzarella Grated Cheese

## Method

- 1. Brush eggplant slices with the melted Mainland Natural Butter and cook under a hot grill or on a grill plate until golden
- 2. Combine spinach, ricotta, Parmesan Grated Cheese, parsley, egg, salt and pepper in a mixing bowl.
- 3. Top each eggplant slice with prosciutto.
- 4. Place tablespoons of cheese mixture along the narrow edge of the prosciutto and roll up firmly.
- 5. Place the eggplant rolls in a buttered 25cm x 30cm baking dish and heat oven to 180°C.
- 6. Pour the Italian tomato sauce over the eggplant rolls and sprinkle with Mozzarella Grated Cheese.
- 7. Bake for 45-50 minutes or until cooked and golden.
- 8. Serve with a crisp green salad and crusty bread.

Tip: Try using fresh basil instead of flat leaf parsley.