

Tandoori Sak with beef

Tandoori Sak is basically a curry using Tandoori spices, and can be cooked with beef or lamb. It combines all the ingredients you would use to bake meat in a tandoor (clay oven) but in a sauce. Our spice blend contains smoked paprika which gives this dish a warm, rich flavour. **serves 4-6**

- 1 carton tandoori spice blend (or 2 generous tbsp any tandoori spice mixture)
- juice of a lemon
- 2 tbsp oil
- 1 large onion, sliced
- several chillies, sliced lenthways (optional)
- 800g diced beef
- 300ml '<u>secret sauce</u>'
- 1 can whole tomatoes
- 3 fresh tomatoes, each cut into about 6 pieces
- 150ml thick yoghurt
- fresh coriander and lemon juice to serve
- 1. Take 1 tbsp oil and combine with the spices and lemon juice. Cover the meat well, and leave to marinate for a few hours or overnight.
- 2. Heat the remaining oil in a large pan and fry the onion over a high heat until well browned. Add the chillies if using and fry for about 5 minutes. This adds flavour to the final dish.
- 3. Add the beef to the pan and fry until browned.
- 4. Add the 'secret sauce' and tinned tomatoes, bring to the boil and then simmer for 2-3 hours or until tender.
- 5. Half an hour or so before the end, add the fresh tomatoes and the yoghurt. Test for seasoning and add salt to taste.
- 6. Serve with rice, scattered with fresh coriander and maybe an extra squeeze of lemon.

Cook's notes

- This is equally delicious with lamb follow the recipe above but reduce the cooking time.
- If you don't have any 'secret sauce' made up, take a thumb-sized piece of ginger, 5 cloves of garlic and a medium onion and blitz until smooth. Add to the pan with the tinned tomatoes and 200ml water.