



#### Product Spotlight: Capers

Capers are little flower buds! They come from the Flinders Rose (or Caper Bush) and are naturally very bitter. The pickling process turns them into little flavour bombs with a nice hit of salt and acid.



### Caponata with White Beans

### and Creamy Polenta

Caponata is a delectable Sicilian dish that perfectly marries sweet and savoury flavours of eggplant, tomato, salty capers, sweet currants, and basil, pumped up with white beans and served over creamy polenta.





Plant-Based

## Switch it up!

Typically caponata is served with bread. You can serve it bruschetta style, or just toast up some Italian bread to dip into the caponata.

#### FROM YOUR BOX

BROWN ONION	1
MEDIUM EGGPLANT	1
GARLIC CLOVES	2
RED CAPSICUM	1
WHITE BEANS	2x 400g
TOMATO PASTE	1 sachet
CURRANT + PINE NUT MIX	2 packets
CHOPPED TOMATOES	400g
INSTANT POLENTA	250g
CAPERS	1 jar
BASIL	1 packet

#### FROM YOUR PANTRY

oil for cooking, olive oil, salt, pepper, stock cube of choice, dried oregano, sugar of choice

#### **KEY UTENSILS**

large frypan, saucepan

#### NOTES

Add extra flavours to the polenta such as dried or fresh herbs, or plant-based cheese of choice.



#### **1. PREPARE THE INGREDIENTS**

Bring a saucepan with **1.3L water** and **crumbled stock cube** to a boil (see step 4).

Dice onion and eggplant, crush garlic, roughly chop capsicum and drain and rinse beans.



#### 2. SAUTÉ THE AROMATICS

Heat a large frypan over medium-high heat with **oil**. Add onion, garlic and **2 tsp oregano**. Sauté for 3 minutes until onion begins to soften. Add eggplant and extra **oil** to pan. Sauté for 6-8 minutes until eggplant begins to brown.



#### **3. SIMMER THE CAPONATA**

Add tomato paste, capsicum, <u>1/2 currant</u> and pine nut mix chopped tomatoes and **1/2 tin water** to pan. Simmer for 15 minutes. Add beans and simmer for a further 2-3 minutes to warm beans.



#### **4. COOK THE POLENTA**

Gradually pour in polenta, whisking continuously until thickened. Remove from heat and season to taste with **salt and pepper** (see notes).



#### **5. SEASON THE CAPONATA**

Drain and rinse capers. Roughly chop or tear basil. Add <u>1/2 capers and basil</u>, **1/2 tsp sugar** and **2 tbsp olive oil** to caponata. Season to taste with **salt and pepper**.



#### **6. FINISH AND SERVE**

Divide polenta among shallow bowls. Top with caponata. Garnish with remaining capers, basil, and currant and pine nut mix.



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