Summer Pavlova with Ice Cream, Fresh Raspberries & Passionfruit



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Ingredients

Pavlova

150ml Fresh, room-temperature egg whites (about 4-5 large eggs)

275g (1, 1/4 cups) Castor or Superfine Sugar

1 Teaspoon Fresh Lemon Juice (or Apple Cider Vinegar or White Vinegar)

Raspberry Sauce

250g Frozen Raspberries, thawed

2 Tablespoons Castor Sugar

1 Teaspoon Vanilla Bean Paste

Vanilla Sour Cream

300g Sour Cream, or Crème Fraîche

- 1 Tablespoon Castor Sugar
- 1 Teaspoon Vanilla Bean Paste

Toppings

- 1 Litre Vanilla Ice Cream or Gelato of your choice
- 4 Fresh Passionfruit
- 250g (2 Punnets) Fresh Raspberries

Method:

- 1. Pavlova
- 2. Pre-heat your oven to 160°C/320°F.
- 3. In a large clean bowl, whip the egg whites on medium speed using a stand mixer or hand beaters until soft peaks form (about 2-3 minutes).
- 4. Gradually add the sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time, while continuing to whip. Wait 20-30 seconds between each addition.
- 5. Once all the sugar is incorporated, continue whipping on medium speed for 6 minutes.
- 6. Add the lemon juice (or vinegar) and whip for an additional 3-4 minutes. The mixture should be thick and glossy. If you feel any grit when rubbing the mixture between your fingers, continue whipping for a few more minutes to dissolve the sugar completely.
- 7. Line a large baking tray with baking paper. Scoop the meringue into a large mound in the centre of the tray.
- 8. Shape the meringue into a round about 20cm in diameter, creating a slight dip in the centre to hold the toppings later. Use a spatula to create upward sweeping motions around the sides for a decorative effect.
- 9. Reduce the oven temperature to 110°C/230°F and bake the meringue for 1 hour and 30 minutes.
- 10. Turn off the oven and leave the meringue inside to cool completely (preferably overnight, or at least for 5 hours).
- 11. Store in the oven or transfer to an airtight container until you're ready to assemble.
- 12. Raspberry Sauce
- 13. Blend the thawed raspberries, sugar, and vanilla bean paste in a blender or with a stab mixer.

 Alternatively, mash them with a fork in a small bowl. Set aside.
- 14. Vanilla Sour Cream
- 15. In a medium-sized bowl, whisk together the sour cream, sugar, and vanilla bean paste by hand

until soft, firm peaks form. Avoid using electric beaters as they may over-whip the mixture. Place in the fridge until needed.

16. Assembly