

Prep Time 20 MINS COOKING Time 50 MINS

SERVES 4

Slow cooked onion soup with beef stock is a winter favourite and so good with sweet flavoured havarti toasts.

Ingredients

- · 2 tablespoons olive oil
- · 25g butter
- 1 kg onions, sliced
- · 1 teaspoon sugar
- · 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons fresh thyme leaves
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1/2 cup red wine
- 1.2 litres beef stock
- · 1 baguette, sliced
- · 100g Mainland Havarti, grated
- · chopped parsley to garnish

Method

- 1. Put the oil, butter, onions, sugar, salt and thyme in a large heavy based saucepan.
- 2. Fry gently over a low heat for 20 minutes, covered, stirring occasionally until softened. Turn up the heat and cook until the onions caramelise, about 20 minutes.
- 3. Add the flour and cook for a minute, then add the red wine and reduce by half. Add the beef stock and bring up to a simmer. Adjust the seasoning to taste.
- 4. Put the bread slices on a tray and put under a grill to toast. Flip the bread over and top with the havarti. Put under the grill until melted and lightly browned.
- 5. To serve ladle the soup into warmed bowls and add a couple of toasts on top of the soup. Garnish with a little parsley.