Curry and Rice Shepherd's Pie

Ingredients:

Serves: 4

For the Lamb Curry

- 2 tbsp oil, of choice
- 2 onions, diced
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 tsp grated ginger
- 1 kg deboned lamb, cut into chunks
- 3 cardamom pods, whole
- 2 cinnamon sticks
- 2 tbsp curry powder
- 1 tsp cumin, ground
- 1 tbsp coriander, ground
- 1 tsp turmeric powder
- 1 can chopped tomatoes
- 2 cups stock, preferably lamb flavour

For the Rice

- 1 cup Spekko Basmati Rice
- 3-4 cups water
- 1 tsp turmeric powder
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 tsp cardamom pods, slightly crushed
- ½ cup yogurt
- 1 egg

Recipe:

1. Preheat the oven to 170°C & and grease a medium baking dish.

For the Lamb Curry:

- 1. In a medium-large pot, warm the oil. Add the onions, garlic & ginger and sauté on a low heat for 5-7 minutes.
- 2. Adjust temperature to a high, add the lamb and brown slightly with the onions.
- 3. Add the spices, canned tomatoes & stock. Cover with a lid and simmer slowly for 1 1 % hour, until the meat is tender, and flavours have infused.

For the Rice:

- 1. Rinse the Spekko Basmati Rice under a running tap for 1 minute to get rid of most of the starches.
- 2. In a medium pot, add the rice, water & spices. Bring to the boil, cover & simmer for 10-15 minutes until cooked & flavours are infused. Fluff with a fork.
- 3. Combine the rice with the yogurt & egg and mix until well combined.

Assembling:

- 1. Remove the cinnamon sticks & cardamom pods from the curry and pour the curry into the baking dish. Scoop a thick layer of rice over the curry and bake for 15 20 minutes until the top starts to go golden & crispy.
- 2. Sprinkle with fresh coriander.
- 3. Serve with sambals: tomato & onion salsa, chutney & raita. ENJOY!!