Herb-crusted leg of lamb

For extra juicy lamb, marinate it in advance in buttermilk - see other recipe.

Recipe from Mia Kristensen of CPH Good Food. www.cphgoodfood.dk

Serves: 8

1 leg of lamb, butterflied and skinned (c.1.5kg of meat)

salt & pepper

a good handful of fresh whole herbs (eg soft-stemmed thyme, sage leaves or mint leaves)

a generous knob of butter for browning the meat

For the herb crust:

150ml chopped herbs, mostly parsley with some rosemary, thyme or mint

150ml breadcrumbs

4 fat cloves of garlic, very finely chopped or crushed

100g butter, melted

salt & pepper

- 1. Heat oven to 120C.
- 2. Season the meat all over with salt and pepper. Lay the handful of herbs inside and roll up the meat, securing it with several pieces of string.
- 3. Heat some butter in a heavy-based pot or frying pan and brown the meat all over.
- 4. Place meat in a roasting tin and bake at 120C for about an hour or until an instant read thermometer inserted into the thickest part reads 50C.
- 5. Take the meat out and increase the oven temperature to 240C.
- 6. Make the herb crust by combining all the ingredients, and then spread it over the top of the lamb.
- 7. Roast the lamb at 240C for 5-10 minutes or until the crust has browned nicely.
- 8. Remove the lamb from the oven and let rest for 10-20 minutes before removing the string and slicing.

