Pheasant Rillettes

2 filleted pheasants (4 breasts, 4 legs, no bones, skin or cartilage)

500g goose or duck fat

- 3 garlic cloves
- 3 juniper berries
- 2 bay leaves
- 100ml water

Method

Heat the duck or goose fat into a heavy based sauce pan until warm and put the pheasant pieces in the pot Give the garlic and juniper berries a whack with something heavy to more readily release their flavor and add to the pot along with the bay leaves.

Cover with water and leave on a very low heat for 4 hours. The liquid should barely be trembling.

After the 4 hours is up the water will have evaporated off.

Leave until cool enough to handle. Shred the pheasant meat into a bowl with 2 forks.

Season with salt and pepper.

If you can, leave in the fridge for a few days to mature.

Pickled Red Onions Recipe

- 2 lb red onions (about 2 med or 1 large), thinly sliced
- 1 1/2 cups red wine vinegar
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 1/2 cups water

Spices wrapped in cheese cloth

- 1/2 cinnamon stick
- 5 cloves
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 Tablespoon coriander seed
- 1 star anise

Dash red pepper flakes

Method

Blanch red onions in a saucepan of boiling water for 2 minutes. Drain in colander.

While the water is heating in step 1, in a separate non-reactive, sauce pan combine the vinegar, sugar and spices.

Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to simmer, cover and simmer for 5 minutes.

Add blanched, drained onions to the vinegar mixture. Simmer for 1 minute.

Allow to stand until cooled. Will keep several weeks refrigerated.