

Brief:

With modern consumer's preference for complexity in their food, savoury elements in sweet treats are making their way from the restaurant scene into mainstream outlets. We must create a ready-to-eat dessert with a spicy, salty, earthy, umami or herbaceous twist that will meet dessert flavours trends of indulgence, uniqueness and complexity. It must meet the following requirements:

- -- A chilled or frozen dessert.
- -- Contains at least one vegetable element and have a distinctly savoury flavour component.

Aim:

To develop and create a "frozen" dessert that incorporates savory flavours

Final product:

-- A beetroot dyed profiterole with tea infused cream and caramel filling, Enrobed in dark chocolate

Product attributes:

Our profiteroles are innovative because there isn't a huge range of different flavours within New Zealand. They have a point of difference to the profiteroles that already exist within the market as they are a combination of interesting and contrasting flavours which aren't commonly used together. We were inspired to make a unique frozen dessert that meets the needs of consumers and food trends.

Iterative process:

- -- Researching products existent within the market
- -- Constructing initial ideas based off the research.
- -- Establishing stakeholder focus group.
- -- Trial and test the brainstormed product ideas
- -- Gather feedback on products
- -- Developing and refining ideas
- -- Final product.

Challenges faced:

- -- Working out combinations of flavours that include the vegetable aspect that also contrast with the sweet.
- -- Getting the tea flavour to be dominant
- -- Ratio between the cream and caramel
- -- Serving size
- -- Presentation of the product

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