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Aromatic savoury-and-sweet stuffed capsicums are a satisfying supper.

Ingredients (serves 4)

- 1 1/3 cups cooked brown rice
- 4 medium-to-large capsicums, tops cut off and seeded
- 500 g organic, lean ground beef
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- ¹/₂ cup currants
- 2 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 2 ¹/₂ cups low-sodium vegetable juice, divided
- + $\ensuremath{^{1}\!\!\!\!/_4}$ cup chopped fresh mint, plus more for garnish
- 1 tsp freshly grated orange zest
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Method

Place capsicum upside-down in a microwave-safe round casserole dish just large enough to fit them. Add $1\frac{1}{2}$ cm water to the dish and cover with a lid or inverted dinner plate. Microwave on high until the capsicum are tender but still hold their shape, three to six minutes. Drain the water and turn the capsicum right-side up.

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Meanwhile, cook beef and garlic in a large non-stick skillet over medium-high heat, breaking up the beef with a wooden spoon, until no longer pink, four to six minutes. Stir in currants, cumin and cinnamon; cook for one minute. Stir in the rice and cook for 30 seconds more. Remove from the heat and stir in ½ cup vegetable juice, cup mint, orange zest, salt and pepper.

Spoon the beef mixture into the capsicum. Pour the remaining 2 cups vegetable juice into the dish and cover. Microwave on high until the juice and filling are hot, two to three minutes.

Serve the capsicum with the sauce; garnish with mint, if desired.

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