BEEF STROGANOFF with Roasted Mushy Pumpkin

- 750g half of butternut pumpkin
- olive oil
- 600g chuck steak, cut into 5cm dice
- salt
- pepper
- 2 tsp sweet paprika
- 2 red onions, thinly sliced
- 5 gherkins, sliced
- 3 cloves of garlic, crushed
- 1L beef stock
- 2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 300g button mushrooms, halved
- 1 tbsp butter
- 150mL sour cream
- 1 bunch of dill, chopped
- 1 lemon, cut into wedges, to serve

Method

- 1. Preheat oven to 200°C fan forced.
- 2. Deeply score the pumpkin on the flesh side, drizzle with a tablespoon of olive oil and season. Roast in oven until golden brown and cooked through the centre. Depending on the shape of the pumpkin this will take around 1.5 hours.
- 3. Whilst the pumpkin in roasting, toss the diced beef in salt, pepper and paprika, coating well.
- 4. Heat 1 tablespoon of olive oil in a large pan and sear the diced steak, turning to brown on all sides. Set beef aside.
- 5. In the same pan add a dash more olive oil, one of the sliced red onions, three of the sliced gherkins and the crushed garlic. Sauté until soft.
- 6. Return the beef to the pot, also adding stock and Worcestershire sauce. Lower heat and simmer for one hour, or until tender.
- 7. Meanwhile heat mushrooms in a frying pan with the butter and oil until browned.
- 8. 5 minutes before serving add the mushrooms and sour cream, stir to combine.
- 9. Garnish the plated dish with chopped dill, the remainder of the gherkins and Spanish onion. Serve with the roasted pumpkin and lemon wedges on the side.