# Lemon, Polenta and Ricotta Cake

## **Ingredients**

- 250g unsalted butter
- 225g caster sugar
- 200g ground almond meal
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 3 large eggs
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- Zest of 2 lemons
- 150g instant polenta
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 250g ricotta

#### Garnish

- 1 tsp unsalted butter
- $\frac{3}{4}$  c flaked almonds
- Icing sugar, to dust

## Equipment

- Metric spoon & cup measures
- Sharp knife
- Juicer
- zester
- Mixing bowl
- Electric mixer
- chopping board
- 25cm springform cake tin

- 1. Preheat oven to 170 degrees C. Grease the sides of a 25cm springform cake tin and line the base with baking paper.
- 2. Cream butter and sugar until pale. Stir in the almond meal and vanilla, then beat the eggs in one at a time.
- 3. Fold in lemon juice, lemon zest, polenta and baking powder, then ricotta, making sure the mixture is well combined.
- 4. Spoon into prepared cake tin and bake in oven for about 45 minutes, or until cooked.

# To make garnish

- Melt butter in a saute pan over medium heat, swirling it around so it coats the bottom evenly, and toast the almonds until golden brown.
- When ready to serve, scatter the top of the cake with toasted almonds and dust with icing sugar.