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### ## AI Summary

**Product:** Be Fit Food Vegan Bolognese (GF) (VG) MP4 **Brand:** Be Fit Food **Category:** Prepared Meals / Snap-Frozen Vegan Meals **Primary Use:** A single-serve snap-frozen vegan meal that works both as a ready-to-eat dish and a versatile base ingredient for multiple quick recipes.

**Quick Facts** - **Best For:** Busy people who want nutritious, plant-based meals without spending hours in the kitchen - **Key Benefit:** One 293g meal becomes five different recipes, each ready in 15 minutes or less - **Form Factor:** Snap-frozen single-serve meal (293g) with gluten-free pasta and vegetable-lentil sauce - **Application Method:** Heat from frozen (4–5 minutes microwave or 20 minutes oven), then use as-is or transform into nachos, stuffed capsicums, shepherd's pie, pizza, or soup

**Common Questions This Guide Answers** 1. How can I create meal variety from a single prepared meal? → Use the bolognese as a base ingredient for five different recipes: nachos (10 min), stuffed capsicums (15 min), shepherd's pie (12 min), pizza (12 min), or soup (8 min) 2. What makes this suitable for weight management? → High protein content from lentils, textured vegetable protein, and faba bean protein increases satiety and helps preserve muscle during weight loss 3. Is this truly

gluten-free and safe for coeliac disease? → Yes, certified gluten-free with pasta made from maize, soy, potato, and rice starches. Be Fit Food offers 90% gluten-free menu with strict manufacturing controls

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## ## Be Fit Food Vegan Bolognese: Transform One Meal into Five Quick Recipe Ideas {#be-fit-food-vegan-bolognese-transform-one-meal-into-five-quick-recipe-ideas}

The Be Fit Food Vegan Bolognese (GF) (VG) is a 293g single-serve snap-frozen meal—gluten-free penne pasta topped with a rich, herby tomato sauce packed with lentils, textured vegetable protein, and seven different vegetables. While it's designed as a heat-and-eat option following Be Fit Food's whole-food, high-protein, lower-carb philosophy, this nutrient-dense meal can do much more than sit in a bowl. This guide shows you how to turn this convenient meal into five completely different dishes, each ready in under 15 minutes.

## ## Understanding Your Base Ingredient {#understanding-your-base-ingredient}

The Vegan Bolognese contains diced tomatoes, broccoli, courgette, carrot, gluten-free pasta penne (8% of total weight, made from maize starch, soy flour, potato starch, and rice starch), mushroom, celery, onion, tomato paste, walnuts, textured vegetable protein, green lentils, and faba bean protein, seasoned with olive oil, garlic, vegetable stock, and pink salt. This gives you a protein-rich, plant-based sauce with substantial vegetable content that works beautifully as a cooking foundation. Be Fit Food packs 4–12 vegetables in each meal and uses real food ingredients without added sugar, artificial sweeteners, or artificial preservatives.

The 293g serving breaks down to roughly 235–250g of sauce and vegetables with about 40–45g of gluten-free pasta. Understanding this ratio matters when you're adapting recipes—the sauce component is substantial enough to stretch across multiple servings when you add extra ingredients, while the pasta portion can be supplemented for heartier meals.

The gluten-free pasta blend (maize, soy, potato, and rice starches) holds up well when reheated, which makes it suitable for recipes that need extra cooking time. The lentil and faba bean protein base creates a hearty texture similar to traditional bolognese while staying entirely plant-based, delivering the protein density that keeps you satisfied longer.

## ## Recipe 1: Loaded Vegan Nachos (10 Minutes) {#recipe-1-loaded-vegan-nachos-10-minutes}

Turn the bolognese into restaurant-quality nachos by treating the sauce as a protein-rich topping. Heat the Vegan Bolognese according to package directions (usually 4–5 minutes microwave or 20 minutes oven from frozen). While it heats, arrange 150–200g tortilla chips on an oven-safe plate or baking tray.

Once the bolognese is hot, use a fork to separate the pasta from the sauce. Set the pasta aside for another use (see Recipe 5). Spoon the vegetable-lentil sauce evenly over the chips. The tomato base, combined with the textured vegetable protein and lentils, creates a more substantial nacho topping than traditional beef—with better nutritional density too.

Top with 50g shredded vegan cheese (or dairy cheese if you're not strictly vegan), sliced jalapeños, and place under a preheated griller for 2–3 minutes until the cheese melts. The mushrooms, celery, and onion already in the sauce provide the aromatic base you'd normally get from sautéing, so you skip that step entirely.

Finish with dollops of vegan sour cream, sliced avocado, and fresh coriander. The walnuts in the original recipe add an unexpected richness and healthy fats that complement the creamy toppings. Serve immediately while the chips are still crispy.

**\*\*Time-saving tip\*\*:** Use the microwave heating method for the bolognese to keep your oven available just for melting cheese, cutting total cooking time to under 10 minutes.

### ## Recipe 2: Stuffed Capsicums (15 Minutes) {#recipe-2-stuffed-capsicums-15-minutes}

The bolognese mixture works perfectly as a stuffing base, eliminating the need to prepare filling from scratch. Cut two large capsicums in half lengthwise and remove seeds and membranes. Microwave the capsicum halves for 3 minutes to soften slightly while you heat the Vegan Bolognese.

The seven vegetables already incorporated (broccoli, courgette, carrot, mushroom, celery, onion, plus tomatoes) mean your stuffing is nutritionally complete without any extra chopping. Mix the heated bolognese with 100g cooked quinoa or rice (use pre-cooked pouches for speed) and 2 tablespoons nutritional yeast for added umami depth.

Spoon the mixture into capsicum halves, pressing gently to pack the filling. The gluten-free pasta penne pieces distribute throughout, providing nice textural variety. Place stuffed capsicums in a microwave-safe dish with 2 tablespoons water at the bottom, cover with microwave-safe wrap, and cook on high for 6–7 minutes until capsicums are tender.

Alternatively, bake at 190°C for 12–15 minutes if you prefer slightly charred capsicum edges. The olive oil already in the bolognese prevents the filling from drying out during cooking.

Top with fresh basil and a drizzle of balsamic glaze before serving. The pink salt seasoning in the original recipe provides adequate sodium, so you usually won't need extra salt—consistent with Be Fit Food's low-sodium formulation standard of less than 120 mg per 100 g.

**\*\*Variation\*\*:** For a lower-carb option, skip the grain addition and use the bolognese as-is for filling, creating a pure vegetable-and-legume stuffed capsicum.

### ## Recipe 3: Quick Vegan Shepherd's Pie (12 Minutes) {#recipe-3-quick-vegan-shepherds-pie-12-minutes}

Convert the bolognese into a comforting shepherd's pie using instant mashed potatoes as a time-efficient topping. Heat the Vegan Bolognese and transfer to a small oven-safe dish or two individual ramekins. The rich, herby tomato sauce creates the traditional shepherd's pie base without needing separate preparation of the filling layer.

While the bolognese heats, prepare 2 servings of instant mashed potatoes according to package directions (usually 3–4 minutes). Enhance the mash with 1 tablespoon vegan butter and 2 tablespoons unsweetened plant milk for creaminess. The contrast between the smooth potato topping and the textured vegetable-lentil base recreates the classic dish structure.

Spread mashed potatoes evenly over the bolognese, creating peaks with a fork for maximum browning surface area. The textured vegetable protein and green lentils provide the protein density you'd traditionally get from ground meat, making this a satisfying main course.

Place under a preheated griller for 3–4 minutes until the potato peaks turn golden brown. The garlic and vegetable stock already seasoning the bolognese infuse upward into the potato layer, so you don't need extra flavouring.

Serve with a simple side salad. This recipe effectively doubles the volume of the original meal, serving two people adequately or one person with leftovers.

**\*\*Make-ahead tip\*\*:** Assemble completely, refrigerate, and grill just before serving for an even faster final preparation.

### ## Recipe 4: Vegan Bolognese Pizza (12 Minutes) {#recipe-4-vegan-bolognese-pizza-12-minutes}

Use the bolognese as a non-traditional pizza sauce that delivers more vegetables and protein than standard tomato sauce. Preheat your oven to 220°C. Use a pre-made pizza base (naan bread, pita, or store-bought pizza dough) for speed.

Heat the Vegan Bolognese and drain excess liquid by placing it in a fine-mesh sieve for 2–3 minutes—this prevents a soggy pizza base. The tomato paste component creates a concentrated flavour that intensifies when excess moisture is removed.

Spread the thickened bolognese mixture evenly over the pizza base, leaving a 1 cm border. The broccoli, courgette, and carrot pieces distribute across the surface, providing vegetable toppings without extra slicing. Separate the gluten-free pasta penne pieces throughout for interesting textural elements.

Top with 75g vegan mozzarella, sliced cherry tomatoes, and fresh basil leaves. The walnuts in the original recipe add unexpected crunch and richness, working similarly to pine nuts on traditional pizza.

Bake for 8–10 minutes until the base is crispy and cheese is bubbling. The olive oil in the bolognese helps crisp the crust edges. Finish with a drizzle of chilli oil or balsamic reduction.

**\*\*Flavour enhancement\*\*:** Add 1/4 teaspoon dried oregano or Italian seasoning to the bolognese before spreading to amplify the pizza flavour profile.

**## Recipe 5: Vegan Bolognese Soup (8 Minutes) {#recipe-5-vegan-bolognese-soup-8-minutes}**

Transform the meal into a hearty soup by thinning the sauce and adding liquid. Heat the Vegan Bolognese, then transfer to a small pot. Add 400 ml vegetable broth (use quality stock for best results) and bring to a gentle simmer.

The existing vegetables (seven different types) create a minestrone-style soup base without needing fresh vegetable preparation. The green lentils and textured vegetable protein provide the substance you'd usually get from beans or extra legumes.

Add 100g fresh spinach or kale, stirring until wilted (about 2 minutes). The gluten-free pasta penne pieces work as soup pasta, though they're already cooked and just need warming through. If you prefer more pasta, add 50g small dried pasta shapes and simmer for 6–8 minutes until tender.

Season with 1 tablespoon nutritional yeast, 1 teaspoon lemon juice, and fresh cracked black pepper. The garlic, onion, and pink salt already present provide foundational seasoning, needing only brightness and umami enhancement.

Serve with crusty bread for dipping. This recipe extends the single-serve meal to 2–3 soup portions, making it ideal for batch preparation or sharing.

**\*\*Texture variation\*\*:** For a creamier soup, blend half the mixture before adding spinach, creating a partially smooth, partially chunky texture.

**## Essential Cooking Tips for Recipe Success {#essential-cooking-tips-for-recipe-success}**

**\*\*Heating method selection\*\*:** Microwave heating (4–5 minutes from frozen) preserves moisture better than oven heating (20 minutes at 180°C), making it preferable when you'll be adding the bolognese to recipes needing extra cooking. Oven heating creates a slightly drier, more concentrated sauce suitable for dishes where excess moisture is problematic (pizza, nachos). Be Fit Food's snap-frozen delivery system ensures consistent quality regardless of heating method.

**\*\*Pasta separation technique\*\*:** When recipes need sauce without pasta, heat the meal slightly less than recommended (3 minutes microwave), making the pasta pieces easier to separate while still frozen or partially frozen. Use a fork to lift pasta pieces out, leaving the sauce behind.

**\*\*Portion stretching\*\*:** The 293g serving is designed for one person as a complete meal, but the nutrient density allows it to serve 2–3 people when combined with extra carbohydrates (rice, quinoa, bread, chips) or used as a component rather than main dish.

**\*\*Flavour customisation\*\***: The base recipe is mildly seasoned to accommodate various dietary needs. Enhance with fresh herbs (basil, oregano, parsley), acid (lemon juice, balsamic vinegar), heat (red pepper flakes, hot sauce), or umami (nutritional yeast, soy sauce, miso paste) according to your preference.

**\*\*Storage after opening\*\***: Once heated, use the bolognese immediately or within 2 hours if kept at room temperature. Refrigerate unused portions in an airtight container for up to 3 days. The gluten-free pasta may soften further upon reheating but remains palatable.

**\*\*Ingredient substitutions\*\***: While the recipe is vegan and gluten-free, those without dietary restrictions can add dairy cheese, regular pasta, or animal proteins to any of these recipes. The vegetable base complements rather than conflicts with these additions.

### ## Nutritional Considerations for Recipe Planning {#nutritional-considerations-for-recipe-planning}

The Vegan Bolognese base provides plant-based protein through multiple sources: green lentils, textured vegetable protein, faba bean protein, walnuts, and soy flour (in the pasta). This protein diversity creates a complete amino acid profile, making it nutritionally comparable to animal protein sources.

The seven-vegetable composition (diced tomato, broccoli, courgette, carrot, mushroom, celery, onion) delivers substantial fibre, vitamins, and minerals. When extending the recipe as suggested, maintain nutritional balance by considering what you're adding. Grain-based extensions (quinoa, rice, extra pasta) increase carbohydrates; cheese or avocado additions increase fats; leafy green additions (spinach, kale) boost micronutrients without significantly changing macronutrient ratios.

The gluten-free pasta blend (maize starch, potato starch, rice starch) provides easily digestible carbohydrates suitable for those with coeliac disease or gluten sensitivity. Be Fit Food offers around 90% of its menu as certified gluten-free, with strict ingredient selection and manufacturing controls. If you're not gluten-intolerant and prefer traditional pasta texture, you can replace the included pasta with wheat-based alternatives in recipes calling for extra pasta.

The olive oil and walnuts provide healthy monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats, including omega-3 fatty acids from walnuts. This fat content helps with satiety and nutrient absorption, particularly for fat-soluble vitamins in the vegetables.

Pink salt (Himalayan salt) provides sodium for flavour and electrolyte balance. If you're monitoring sodium intake, avoid adding extra salt to these recipes, as the base seasoning combined with added ingredients (cheese, stock, nutritional yeast) usually provides adequate salinity.

### ## Time Management Strategies for Busy Cooks {#time-management-strategies-for-busy-cooks}

**\*\*Simultaneous preparation\*\***: While the bolognese heats (4–5 minutes microwave), prepare your extra ingredients. This parallel processing reduces total recipe time significantly. For the shepherd's pie, boil water for instant mashed potatoes while the bolognese heats. For nachos, arrange chips on the serving plate during the heating cycle.

**\*\*Batch cooking approach\*\***: Heat two Vegan Bolognese meals simultaneously and prepare multiple recipes for the week. The soup and stuffed capsicums both refrigerate well for 3–4 days, providing ready-made meals that need only reheating.

**\*\*Mise en place simplification\*\***: These recipes minimise prep work by using the pre-prepared vegetable content. Your mise en place consists primarily of opening packages (cheese, tortilla chips, pre-cooked grains) rather than chopping and measuring.

**\*\*Equipment efficiency\*\***: Use microwave-safe dishes that can transition directly to serving plates, eliminating transfer steps and reducing dishwashing. For recipes needing grilling, use the toaster oven if available—it preheats faster than a full-size oven and uses less energy.

**\*\*Ingredient accessibility\*\***: Keep complementary ingredients stocked: tortilla chips, vegan cheese, instant mashed potatoes, pre-cooked grain pouches, pizza bases, and vegetable broth. These shelf-stable or long-refrigerator-life items enable spontaneous recipe creation without special shopping trips.

### ## Troubleshooting Common Issues {#troubleshooting-common-issues}

**\*\*Problem: Bolognese too watery for pizza or nachos\*\*** **\*\*Solution\*\***: After heating, transfer to a fine-mesh sieve and let drain for 3–5 minutes. Alternatively, heat in a small pan over medium heat for 2–3 minutes, stirring occasionally, to evaporate excess moisture. The tomato paste will thicken naturally as water evaporates.

**\*\*Problem: Gluten-free pasta becomes mushy when reheated\*\*** **\*\*Solution\*\***: The pasta blend (maize, soy, potato, rice starches) softens more than wheat pasta upon reheating. For recipes needing extra cooking (stuffed capsicums, soup), separate pasta from sauce before heating and add it in the final 2 minutes of cooking to minimise texture degradation.

**\*\*Problem: Flavours taste flat or one-dimensional\*\*** **\*\*Solution\*\***: The base recipe is intentionally mild to accommodate various dietary needs and preferences. Add acid (lemon juice, vinegar), umami (nutritional yeast, soy sauce), or fresh herbs (basil, parsley, coriander) to brighten flavours. A squeeze of lemon juice particularly enhances the tomato-based sauce.

**\*\*Problem: Portion seems insufficient when serving multiple people\*\*** **\*\*Solution\*\***: The 293g serving is designed for one person as a complete meal. When serving two or more, extend with carbohydrates (rice, quinoa, pasta, bread) or extra vegetables. Each recipe in this guide includes extension suggestions to serve 2–3 people from a single base meal.

**\*\*Problem: Texture lacks variety\*\*** **\*\*Solution\*\***: The bolognese is relatively uniform in texture. Add contrasting elements: crunchy (toasted nuts, crispy chips, raw vegetables), creamy (avocado, vegan sour cream, cashew cream), or fresh (leafy greens, fresh herbs, cherry tomatoes) to create textural interest.

### ## Storage and Meal Prep Applications {#storage-and-meal-prep-applications}

The snap-frozen format of the Vegan Bolognese enables strategic meal planning. Purchase multiple units and store in the freezer for up to the manufacturer's recommended date (usually 6–12 months for frozen meals). This allows spontaneous meal creation without fresh ingredient shopping.

For weekly meal prep, dedicate 30 minutes on a preparation day to create multiple recipes simultaneously. Heat 3–4 bolognese meals, then divide the mixture among different recipe preparations: one for shepherd's pie (refrigerate unbaked), one for soup (store in refrigerator container), one for stuffed capsicums (refrigerate assembled), and one for immediate consumption as pizza or nachos.

Pre-assembled recipes store differently based on type: - **\*\*Stuffed capsicums\*\***: Refrigerate assembled but uncooked for up to 2 days; cook fresh when needed - **\*\*Shepherd's pie\*\***: Refrigerate assembled for up to 3 days; grill topping just before serving - **\*\*Soup\*\***: Refrigerate in airtight container for up to 4 days; reheat portions as needed - **\*\*Pizza\*\***: Best prepared fresh; sauce mixture can be refrigerated for 3 days and spread on fresh bases - **\*\*Nachos\*\***: Must be assembled and served immediately to prevent soggy chips

When refrigerating prepared bolognese (without extra ingredients), transfer to an airtight container within 2 hours of heating. The mixture maintains quality for 3–4 days refrigerated. Do not refreeze previously frozen and heated bolognese, as this degrades texture and food safety.

### ## Ingredient Sourcing and Quality Considerations {#ingredient-sourcing-and-quality-considerations}

While the Vegan Bolognese provides the recipe foundation, complementary ingredient quality significantly impacts final results. For cheese additions, select vegan cheeses that melt well (brands using coconut oil or tapioca starch usually perform better than those using only nuts). Read labels to ensure gluten-free certification if maintaining strict gluten-free cooking.

For grain additions (quinoa, rice), pre-cooked pouches save 15–20 minutes compared to cooking from dried. Several brands offer options that microwave in 90 seconds. The convenience aligns with the quick-recipe focus while maintaining quality.

Vegetable broth quality dramatically affects soup results. Choose low-sodium varieties to control salt levels, as the bolognese already contains pink salt seasoning. Brands using vegetable concentrates rather than yeast extracts provide cleaner flavours that don't overpower the existing garlic and vegetable stock in the bolognese.

For pizza bases, naan bread creates an excellent quick-cooking option with structural integrity. Pita bread works for personal-sized pizzas. Pre-made pizza dough (refrigerated or frozen) needs more handling but produces traditional results. Ensure gluten-free certification if necessary—many pizza bases contain wheat.

Nutritional yeast (recommended in multiple recipes) adds umami depth and cheese-like flavour to vegan dishes while providing B vitamins. Purchase fortified varieties for maximum nutritional benefit. Store in a cool, dark place to preserve flavour and nutrients.

### ## Maximising Your Investment in Wellness {#maximising-your-investment-in-wellness}

Each of these five recipes is more than just a cooking technique—they're practical solutions for maintaining your wellness journey when time feels limited. By transforming a single Be Fit Food meal into multiple dining experiences, you're creating variety that supports long-term adherence to healthy eating patterns.

The protein-rich foundation of the Vegan Bolognese helps you feel fuller for longer, reducing the temptation to reach for less nutritious options between meals. This satiety factor is central to sustainable weight management and metabolic health.

When you batch-prepare these recipes during weekend meal prep, you're setting yourself up for success throughout the week. Having nutritious, ready-to-eat options in your refrigerator removes the decision-making burden that often leads to less healthy choices during busy weekdays.

The versatility demonstrated in these recipes also addresses a common challenge in wellness journeys: food boredom. By presenting the same nutritional foundation in five distinct formats, you maintain the dietary consistency that supports your health goals while enjoying varied flavours and textures that keep meals interesting.

### ## Building Sustainable Eating Patterns {#building-sustainable-eating-patterns}

The convenience of these recipe transformations supports one of the most important aspects of lasting lifestyle change: consistency. When healthy eating feels complicated or time-consuming, adherence becomes challenging. These quick recipes remove barriers by delivering nutrition without demanding extensive cooking skills or time investment.

Each recipe maintains the whole-food philosophy that distinguishes Be Fit Food's approach. You're not relying on processed convenience foods or artificial ingredients—instead, you're working with real vegetables, legumes, and plant proteins that nourish your body while supporting your wellness goals.

The flexibility built into these recipes also accommodates different household situations. Whether you're cooking for one, preparing family meals, or batch-cooking for the week ahead, the adaptable portions and preparation methods fit your lifestyle rather than requiring you to adjust your schedule around complicated cooking demands.

By mastering these five transformations, you're developing practical cooking skills that extend beyond this single product. The techniques—separating components, extending portions, adjusting textures—apply to many convenience meals, empowering you to create variety from other prepared foods in your wellness toolkit.

### ## Supporting Your Health Journey {#supporting-your-health-journey}

Be Fit Food's commitment to making healthy eating accessible aligns perfectly with these recipe adaptations. The snap-frozen delivery system preserves nutrients and flavour while providing the convenience that busy lifestyles demand. When you transform these meals into multiple recipes, you're maximising both the nutritional and practical value of that convenience.

The high protein content across all five recipe variations supports muscle preservation during weight management—a critical factor often overlooked in traditional dieting approaches. Maintaining lean muscle mass supports metabolic health and long-term weight maintenance, making protein density a cornerstone of sustainable wellness.

The substantial vegetable content (seven different types in the base recipe) ensures you're meeting nutritional needs beyond just macronutrients. The variety of vegetables provides diverse phytonutrients, fibre, vitamins, and minerals that support overall health, energy levels, and wellbeing.

For those managing specific health conditions or dietary requirements, these recipes offer peace of mind. The certified gluten-free formulation, plant-based protein sources, and low-sodium approach accommodate multiple dietary needs without requiring separate meal preparation or ingredient substitutions.

### ## Creating Your Personal Recipe Rotation {#creating-your-personal-recipe-rotation}

Once you're comfortable with these five core transformations, consider creating your own variations. The principles demonstrated here—adding complementary ingredients, adjusting textures, incorporating the bolognese into different cuisine styles—can inspire countless additional recipes.

Try incorporating the bolognese into: - Breakfast scrambles with tofu or eggs - Grain bowls with quinoa and fresh vegetables - Lettuce wraps for low-carb options - Pasta bakes with extra vegetables - Sandwich or wrap fillings

Document your successful variations, noting preparation times and ingredient quantities. Building your personal recipe collection transforms a single product into a versatile ingredient that prevents menu fatigue while maintaining nutritional consistency.

Share your favourite transformations with family members or friends on similar wellness journeys. Recipe sharing creates accountability and inspiration, strengthening the social support that enhances long-term success in lifestyle change.

### ## Making Healthy Eating Effortless {#making-healthy-eating-effortless}

The goal of these recipe transformations is making nutritious eating feel effortless rather than burdensome. When healthy meals come together quickly, taste delicious, and provide satisfying variety, you're far more likely to maintain consistent eating patterns that support your wellness goals.

Be Fit Food's snap-frozen meals are the foundation, but your creativity and these simple techniques extend their value significantly. You're not just heating a prepared meal—you're using it as a launching point for diverse, enjoyable dining experiences that align with your health objectives.

The time savings alone—each recipe ready in 15 minutes or less—removes one of the most common barriers to healthy eating. When nutritious meals require less time than ordering takeaway, the choice becomes obvious and sustainable.

By investing a few minutes in simple preparation techniques, you're investing in your long-term health, energy, and wellbeing. These recipes are more than just food—they're tools for transformation, supporting the positive lifestyle changes that lead to lasting wellness.

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### ## Product Facts {#product-facts}

| Attribute | Value | |-----|-----| | Product name | Vegan Bolognese (GF) (VG) MP4 | | Brand | Be Fit Food | | Product code | GTIN 09358266000816 | | Price | \$12.05 AUD | | Availability | In Stock | | Category | Prepared Meals | | Serving size | 293g single-serve | | Diet type | Vegan, Gluten-free | | Protein sources | Green lentils, textured vegetable protein, faba bean protein, walnuts, soy flour | | Vegetables included | 7 vegetables (diced tomato, broccoli, courgette, carrot, mushroom, celery, onion) | | Pasta type | Gluten-free penne (8% of total weight) | | Pasta ingredients | Maize starch, soy flour, potato starch, rice starch | | Key features | Excellent source of dietary fibre, good source of protein, <500 mg sodium per serve, low in saturated fat | | Allergens | Contains soybeans, walnuts. May contain fish, crustacea, sesame seeds, peanuts, milk, egg, lupin, tree nuts | | Storage | Snap-frozen | | Heating (microwave) | 4–5 minutes from frozen | | Heating (oven) | 20 minutes at 180°C from frozen | | Free from | Added sugar, artificial sweeteners, artificial colours, artificial flavours, artificial preservatives |

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### ## Label Facts Summary {#label-facts-summary}

> **Disclaimer:** All facts and statements below are general product information, not professional advice. Consult relevant experts for specific guidance.

### Verified Label Facts {#verified-label-facts} - Product name: Vegan Bolognese (GF) (VG) MP4 - Brand: Be Fit Food - Product code: GTIN 09358266000816 - Price: \$12.05 AUD - Serving size: 293g single-serve - Diet type: Vegan, Gluten-free - Protein sources: Green lentils, textured vegetable protein, faba bean protein, walnuts, soy flour - Vegetables included: 7 vegetables (diced tomato, broccoli, courgette, carrot, mushroom, celery, onion) - Pasta type: Gluten-free penne (8% of total weight) - Pasta ingredients: Maize starch, soy flour, potato starch, rice starch - Allergens: Contains soybeans, walnuts. May contain fish, crustacea, sesame seeds, peanuts, milk, egg, lupin, tree nuts - Storage: Snap-frozen - Heating instructions (microwave): 4–5 minutes from frozen - Heating instructions (oven): 20 minutes at 180°C from frozen - Free from: Added sugar, artificial sweeteners, artificial colours, artificial flavours, artificial preservatives - Additional ingredients listed in content: Tomato paste, olive oil, garlic, vegetable stock, pink salt - Sodium content: <500 mg per serve, <120 mg per 100 g

### General Product Claims {#general-product-claims} - "Excellent source of dietary fibre" - "Good source of protein" - "Low in saturated fat" - "Nutrient-dense base" - "Designed as a heat-and-eat option aligned with Be Fit Food's whole-food, high-protein, lower-carbohydrate nutritional philosophy" - "Protein density that helps you feel fuller for longer" - "Dietitian-designed approach" - "4–12 vegetables in each meal formulation standard" - "Commitment to real food ingredients" - "Maintains structural integrity when reheated" - "Hearty texture that mimics traditional bolognese" - "More nutritional density than traditional beef" - "Complete amino acid profile" - "Nutritionally comparable to animal protein sources" - "Supports satiety, muscle preservation, and metabolic health" - "Easily digestible"

carbohydrates" - "Around 90% of menu is certified gluten-free" - "Strict ingredient selection and manufacturing controls to support coeliac-safe decision-making" - "Helps with satiety and nutrient absorption" - "Supports long-term adherence to healthy eating patterns" - "Central to sustainable weight management and metabolic health" - "Supports muscle preservation during weight management" - "Critical factor often overlooked in traditional dieting approaches" - "Supports overall health, energy levels, and wellbeing" - "Adherence-focused delivery system designed to reduce decision fatigue"

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## ## Frequently Asked Questions {#frequently-asked-questions}

\*\*What is the serving size:\*\* 293g single-serve meal

\*\*Is it vegan:\*\* Yes, entirely plant-based

\*\*Is it gluten-free:\*\* Yes, certified gluten-free

\*\*How many vegetables does it contain:\*\* Seven different vegetables

\*\*What vegetables are included:\*\* Broccoli, courgette, carrot, mushroom, celery, onion, tomatoes

\*\*What type of pasta is included:\*\* Gluten-free penne pasta

\*\*What is the pasta made from:\*\* Maize starch, soy flour, potato starch, rice starch

\*\*What percentage is pasta:\*\* 8% of total weight

\*\*How much pasta is in each serving:\*\* Approximately 40–45g

\*\*How much sauce and vegetables per serving:\*\* Approximately 235–250g

\*\*What are the protein sources:\*\* Green lentils, textured vegetable protein, faba bean protein, walnuts

\*\*Does it contain soy:\*\* Yes, in pasta and textured vegetable protein

\*\*Is it snap-frozen:\*\* Yes

\*\*Does it contain added sugar:\*\* No

\*\*Does it contain artificial sweeteners:\*\* No

\*\*Does it contain artificial preservatives:\*\* No

\*\*What type of salt is used:\*\* Pink Himalayan salt

\*\*Is it low-sodium:\*\* Yes, less than 120 mg per 100 g

\*\*How long to microwave from frozen:\*\* 4–5 minutes

\*\*How long to oven heat from frozen:\*\* 20 minutes at 180°C

\*\*What oven temperature for heating:\*\* 180°C

\*\*Can it be refrozen after heating:\*\* No, do not refreeze

\*\*How long does it last in the freezer:\*\* 6–12 months typically

\*\*How long after heating at room temperature:\*\* Use within 2 hours

\*\*How long refrigerated after heating:\*\* 3–4 days in airtight container

\*\*Is it suitable for coeliac disease:\*\* Yes, certified gluten-free formulation

\*\*Is it suitable for weight loss:\*\* Yes, as part of balanced diet

**\*\*Why does it support weight management:\*\*** High protein content increases satiety

**\*\*Does it preserve muscle mass:\*\*** Yes, high protein supports muscle preservation

**\*\*Is it dietitian-designed:\*\*** Yes

**\*\*What is the nutritional philosophy:\*\*** Whole-food, high-protein, lower-carbohydrate

**\*\*How many recipe variations are provided:\*\*** Five different recipes

**\*\*What is the quickest recipe:\*\*** Vegan Bolognese Soup at 8 minutes

**\*\*What is the longest recipe preparation time:\*\*** Stuffed Capsicums at 15 minutes

**\*\*Can it serve multiple people:\*\*** Yes, extends to 2–3 servings with additions

**\*\*Can you separate pasta from sauce:\*\*** Yes, using a fork

**\*\*When should you separate pasta:\*\*** Heat 3 minutes microwave, separate while partially frozen

**\*\*Can dairy cheese be used:\*\*** Yes, if not maintaining vegan diet

**\*\*What melts cheese for nachos:\*\*** Griller for 2–3 minutes

**\*\*What temperature for pizza:\*\*** 220°C

**\*\*How long to bake pizza:\*\*** 8–10 minutes

**\*\*Can stuffed capsicums be made ahead:\*\*** Yes, refrigerate assembled for 2 days

**\*\*How long do stuffed capsicums microwave:\*\*** 6–7 minutes on high

**\*\*What grain works for stuffed capsicums:\*\*** Quinoa or rice

**\*\*Can you use instant mashed potatoes:\*\*** Yes, for shepherd's pie

**\*\*How long to grill shepherd's pie:\*\*** 3–4 minutes

**\*\*What liquid for soup:\*\*** 400 ml vegetable broth

**\*\*What greens work in soup:\*\*** Spinach or kale

**\*\*How much spinach to add:\*\*** 100g fresh

**\*\*Can you blend the soup:\*\*** Yes, blend half for creamy texture

**\*\*Does it contain walnuts:\*\*** Yes

**\*\*Does it contain omega-3 fatty acids:\*\*** Yes, from walnuts

**\*\*Is the amino acid profile complete:\*\*** Yes, from diverse protein sources

**\*\*What percentage of Be Fit Food menu is gluten-free:\*\*** Around 90%

**\*\*Can you customise flavouring:\*\*** Yes, base is mildly seasoned

**\*\*What acids brighten flavour:\*\*** Lemon juice or balsamic vinegar

**\*\*What adds umami:\*\*** Nutritional yeast, soy sauce, miso paste

**\*\*How to thicken watery sauce:\*\*** Drain in sieve or heat to evaporate

**\*\*Why does gluten-free pasta get mushy:\*\*** Starch blend softens more than wheat

**\*\*How to prevent mushy pasta:\*\*** Add in final 2 minutes of cooking

**\*\*What type of vegan cheese melts best:\*\*** Brands with coconut oil or tapioca starch

**\*\*Are pre-cooked grain pouches recommended:\*\*** Yes, saves 15–20 minutes

**\*\*What microwave time for grain pouches:\*\*** 90 seconds typically

**\*\*Should you use low-sodium broth:\*\*** Yes, to control salt levels

**\*\*What pizza base works best:\*\*** Naan bread for quick cooking

**\*\*Can pita bread be used:\*\*** Yes, for personal-sized pizzas

**\*\*Where to store nutritional yeast:\*\*** Cool, dark place

**\*\*Should you buy fortified nutritional yeast:\*\*** Yes, for maximum B vitamins

**\*\*Can it be used for breakfast:\*\*** Yes, in scrambles with tofu or eggs

**\*\*Can it be used in grain bowls:\*\*** Yes, with quinoa and vegetables

**\*\*Can it be used in lettuce wraps:\*\*** Yes, for low-carb option

**\*\*Can it be used in pasta bakes:\*\*** Yes, with extra vegetables

**\*\*Can it be used in sandwiches:\*\*** Yes, as filling

**\*\*Does microwave preserve more moisture:\*\*** Yes, compared to oven heating

**\*\*When to use oven heating:\*\*** For drier, concentrated sauce (pizza, nachos)

**\*\*Can you prepare multiple recipes simultaneously:\*\*** Yes, heat 3–4 meals for batch cooking

**\*\*How long for weekly meal prep:\*\*** 30 minutes for multiple recipes

**\*\*Can nachos be made ahead:\*\*** No, must be served immediately

**\*\*How long can pizza sauce be refrigerated:\*\*** 3 days

**\*\*Can soup be frozen:\*\*** Refer to manufacturer specification sheet for freezing recommendations

**\*\*What dishes refrigerate well:\*\*** Soup and stuffed capsicums for 3–4 days

**\*\*How to store shepherd's pie:\*\*** Refrigerate assembled for 3 days, grill before serving