

Coq au Vin

EQUIPMENT

Large Mixing Bowl, Chef's Knife, Large Casserole Dish, Wooden Spoon, Large Flat Tray, Small Saucepan, Strainer

INGREDIENTS

1 Whole Chicken, 1 Bottle of Red Wine, 3 Diced Shallots, 1 Diced Carrot, 2 Diced Celery Sticks and Celery Leaves, 4 Bay Leaves, 6 Sprigs of Thyme, 2gm Peppercorns, 3 Diced Middle Bacon Rashers, 4 Whole Shallots, 12 Button Mushrooms, Parsley, Salt, Plain Flour, Ground White Pepper, Olive Oil

METHOD

IN A LARGE MIXING BOWL PLACE DICED VEGETABLES, BAY LEAF, PEPPERCORNS, THYME AND WINE

Remove the backbone and RIBS from the chicken, cut the chicken into 8 portions and place in the wine mix

COVER AND MARINATE FOR 24 HOURS

THE FOLLOWING DAY STRAIN THE WINE INTO A POT AND PLACE OVER MEDIUM HEAT AND BRING TO THE BOIL

Put a large casserole dish on the stove over medium heat

REMOVE THE CHICKEN FROM THE VEGETABLES AND PAT DRY WITH PAPER TOWEL

PLACE SOME FLOUR ON A TRAY AND SEASON WITH SALT AND PEPPER AND LIGHTLY COAT EACH CHICKEN PIECE WITH THE FLOUR

POUR A LITTLE OLIVE OIL IN THE CASSEROLE DISH AND SEAL THE CHICKEN UNTIL BROWN ON BOTH SIDES AND SET ASIDE

ADD DICED BACON AND SAUTÉ FOR 2 MINS THEN ADD WHOLE SHALLOTS AND THE RESERVED VEGETABLES AND COOK FOR A FURTHER 3-4 MINS

ADD THE WINE AND THE CHICKEN AND PLACE IN A PRE-HEATED OVEN COMBI MODE 145 DEGREES FOR 30 MINS

After 30 mins remove from the oven and stir in button mushrooms, return to the oven for a further 15 mins

REMOVE FROM THE OVEN SPRINKLE OVER CHOPPED PARSLEY AND SERVE IMMEDIATELY

HINTS & TIPS

- SHOULD YOU NOT WISH TO BREAK DOWN YOUR OWN CHICKEN ASK YOUR BUTCHER TO DO IT FOR YOU OR JUST USE CHICKEN MARYLANDS

- LEAVING THE BONES IN THE CHICKEN GIVE THE DISH MORE FLAVOUR

- TRADITIONALLY THIS IS SERVED WITH FRESH PASTA TOSSED WITH PARSLEY AND OLIVE OIL, IT'S ALSO GREAT WITH MASH POTATOES

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