

PORK LOIN BRAISED WITH MUSHROOMS AND WINE

YIELD: 8 Servings

INGREDIENTS:

1 (2-lb.) boneless center-cut pork loin, tied with kitchen twine

11/2 tsp. coarse sea salt

1/2 tsp. black pepper

3 Tbsp. olive oil

1 lb. white button mushrooms, quartered

8 small white spring onions, trimmed, white parts only

3 large garlic cloves, *smashed*

1/2 cup Corsican Muscat wine

1 cup low-sodium chicken stock

3 rosemary sprigs

6 thyme sprigs

8 (3-inch) orange peel strips

Cooked polenta, for serving

PREPARATION:

Preheat oven to 400°F. Sprinkle pork evenly with salt and pepper. Heat oil in a large ovenproof skillet or Dutch oven over medium-high.

Add pork to pan; cook over medium-high, undisturbed, until golden brown on one side, about 3 minutes. Turn pork. Repeat until each side is browned, about 12 minutes. Remove pork from skillet, and set aside.

Add mushrooms, onions, and garlic to pan; cook over medium-high, stirring often, until liquid from mushrooms has released and evaporated, about 8 minutes. Add wine; cook, scraping up browned bits from bottom of pan, until wine is reduced by half, about 5 minutes. Add stock, rosemary, and thyme; cook, undisturbed, 3 minutes. Return pork to pan. Cover, transfer to preheated oven, and roast until a thermometer inserted in thickest portion of meat registers 130°F, about 30 minutes.

Remove pan from oven. Transfer pork to a cutting board; let rest 5 minutes. Meanwhile, add orange peel strips to mushroom mixture in pan. Bring to a boil over medium-high; boil until sauce has slightly thickened, about 3 minutes. Discard orange peel strips, rosemary, and thyme.

Remove and discard twine from pork. Slice pork against the grain. Serve over polenta with mushroom mixture.

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