



STUFATO D'AGNELLO CON CORONA (LAMB & LARGE WHITE BEAN STEW)

PAIRED WITH 2010 SANGIOVESE GROSSO, YIELD: 4-6 SERVINGS

INGREDIENTS:

- 3/4 POUND LARGE WHITE BEANS
- 1/2 CUP BACON FAT
- 2 1/2 POUNDS LAMB SHOULDER MEAT, BONELESS, 1"CUBES
- 2 CUPS ONION, DICED 1/2"
- 1/2 CUP CELERY, DICED 1/2"
- 5 Sprigs Fresh Thyme, Tied with Kitchen Twine
- 2 EACH BAY LEAVES
- 3 TABLESPOONS CUMIN POWDER
- 1/2 TEASPOON CAYENNE PEPPER
- 1/2 TEASPOON SMOKED PAPRIKA
- 1/4 CUP GARLIC, MINCED
- 1 CUP TOMATO, DICED
- 7 CUPS CHICKEN STOCK
- 2 TABLESPOONS FRESH PARSLEY LEAVES, CHOPPED
- KOSHER SALT & FRESHLY GROUND BLACK PEPPER

METHOD:

- 1. Rinse the beans and cover with cold water in a large pot and bring to a full rolling boil. Remove from the heat and cover. Allow to sit for 1 hour. Drain the beans and discard the liquid. Set beans aside.
- 2. Preheat the oven to 325°F.
- 3. Meanwhile, heat the bacon fat in a large heavy bottomed pot.
- 4. Season the lamb with salt and pepper and cook in batches (do not crowd) until well browned.
- 5. After all the lamb has been browned, set it aside and add the onion and celery to the same pan.
- 6. Cook for 5 minutes then add the thyme, bay leaves, cumin, cayenne, paprika, garlic, tomato and stock and bring to a boil. Then reduce to a simmer and continue cooking for 30 minutes.
- 7. Add the beans and stir to combine. Cover the pot and place in the preheated oven and continue cooking for 2-3 hours or until the beans are tender and the sauce is reduced to coat the beans and lamb.
- 8. Remove from the oven, sprinkle with parsley and adjust seasoning, if needed.
- 9. Serve with crusty bread.