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Flank Steak Ragu with Pappardelle

Serves about 8

Try this decadent flank steak ragu for dinner! This dish delivers on flavor - the hearty, tender bites of beef are bathed in a rich, red sauce which pairs perfectly with silky pappardelle noodles. Try it -- you'll love it!

Ingredients:

2-1/2 to 3 lb flank steak

1/2 teaspoon Kosher Salt

1/2 teaspoon black pepper

1/2 teaspoon dried thyme

2 tablespoons canola oil

1 large shallot, diced (about 1/2 cup)

6 cloves garlic

3 carrots, sliced into half moons

2 tablespoons flour

1 cup red wine

2 (28 oz) cans crushed tomato

1 (6oz) can tomato paste

1 cup beef broth

2 sprigs fresh rosemary

2 bay leaves

2 lbs pappardelle pasta

fresh parsley, for garnish

shaved parmesan, for garnish

Directions:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F.
- 2. Season the flank steak on both sides generously with kosher salt, pepper, and thyme. In a large Dutch oven, on high heat, sear the flank steak on both sides in the canola oil until browned (about 3-5 minutes per side). Remove from the heat, and then slice (against the grain) into four-six large cuts about 2" wide.
- 3. Add olive oil to the Dutch oven, and sauté the shallot until it softens, add the garlic and carrot, and sauté for another minute.
- 4. Sprinkle the vegetables with flour and stir until coated.
- 5. Deglaze pan with red wine and bring to a simmer.
- 6. Add the crushed tomato, tomato paste, beef broth, rosemary, bay leaves, and seared steak pieces back to the pot.
- 7. Cover and braise for 2.5-3 hours in the oven until the steak is tender. Use two forks to shred the meat. Return the shredded meat to the sauce.
- 8. Meanwhile, prepare the pappardelle according to the package instructions.
- 9. Serve the ragu on a bed of noodles with a garnish of parmesan cheese and parsley.

Slow Cooker Method: Follow steps 1-6 then cook in a slow cooker for 4-6 hours on high or 8-10 on low. Shred the meat and add to the sauce.

Electric Pressure Cooker Method: Follow steps 1-6 then cook for 1 hour on high pressure, carefully release the pressure. Shred the meat, and add to the sauce. Switch to the sauté mode and stir until the desired sauce consistency is reached.