Braised Apple Cider Pork Chops



Makes:

4-6 servings

Utensil:

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Recipe Description:

Bone-in thick cut pork chops cooked in apple cider become tender and flavorful. Braising is a good way to tenderize meats. This dish requires very little attention during the cooking process.

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2 ½ pounds
       bone-in pork chops, cut into thick chops, about 1 1/4 inches
thick each
(1.1
kg)
salt and fresh ground pepper
     1 medium
onion, sliced, use Cone #4
     4 cloves
garlic, peeled and sliced into thin slices
     1 teaspoon
dried thyme leaves
(1
g)
     1/2 teaspoon
       dried sage leaves, crumbled
(.5
g)
   1 1/2 cups
       apple cider
(350)
mL)
     1 tablespoon
mustard, dijon-style or grainy-style mustard
(18
g)
     1/2 teaspoon
       ground black pepper
(1
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g)
      1 cup
apples slices, dried
(86
g)
     \frac{1}{2} cup
       water
(120)
mL)
     2 tablespoons
organic corn starch
(16
g)
     2 tablespoons
parsley leaves, fresh chopped
(8
g)
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Directions:

- 1. Trim pork chops of any excess fat and sprinkle both sides with salt and fresh ground pepper.
- 2. Preheat mini braiser pan over medium-high heat. When several drops of water sprinkled in pan skitter and dissipate, approximately 5 7 minutes. Add pork chops, pressing down gently with back of spatula.
- 3. Cook pork chops for 5 7 minutes until browned. Turn pork chops over and place cover on pan, slightly ajar. Cook pork chops for 5 7 minutes longer to brown. Remove pork chops to a clean plate.
- 4. Add onion and garlic to braiser. Stir to combine and sauté until brown, approximately 4 5 minutes.
- 5. Add thyme and sage leaves. Stir to combine.
- 6. Place pork chops back in pan with any juices that have accumulated on the plate.
- 7. Combine apple cider and mustard in a small bowl and pour over pork chops.
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- Place cover on pan. When Vapo-Valve™ begins to click steadily, reduce heat to low and cook for 2 hours until pork is cooked through and tender.
- In a small bowl, thoroughly combine water and cornstarch.
 Set aside.
- 11. Remove cover and turn heat to medium. Add dry apples and stir into liquid. Cook for an additional 15 minutes until liquid is reduced slightly.
- 12. Remove pork chops from pan to a clean serving dish. Keep warm
- 13. Add cornstarch and water mixture to liquid in pan. Cook for 15 minutes until sauce is thickened, stirring occasionally.
- 14. Add chopped parsley to pan and taste sauce. Adjusting seasonings as needed.
- 15. Add pork chops back into pan with sauce and serve.

Tips:

• Serve Braised Pork Chops with mashed potatoes, mashed cauliflower or rice.

Nutritional Information per

Serving
Calories: 312
Total Fat: 7g
Saturated Fat: 2g
Cholesterol: 130mg
Sodium: 547mg
Total 16g

Carbs:

Dietary Fiber: 2g Sugar: 9g Protein: 42g