Braised Kielbasa & Beans



Makes:

12 - 16 servings

Utensil:

Saladmaster Food Processor 9 Qt./8.5 L Braiser Pan with Cover medium mixing bowl 7" Santoku Knife

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Recipe Description:

Smoky and sweet, kielbasa adds a lot of flavor to these braised white beans. Bitter notes of beer and escarole rounded out with a dash of spicy crushed red pepper make this a go-to meal for a large gathering.

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4 smoked kielbasa links, sliced into \frac{1}{2} inch pieces
     2 large
onions, strung, use Cone #2
     8 cloves garlic, shredded, use Cone #1
Navy beans, soaked overnight and drained
(624
g)
    12 ounces
light lager-style beer
(355
mL)
     3 cups
chicken stock
(710
mL)
     1 tablespoon
maple syrup
(21
g)
     3 tablespoons
brown mustard
(45
g)
     1 teaspoon
crushed red pepper
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g)
3 bay leaves
2 teaspoons
thyme leaves
(2
g)
1 teaspoon
natural salt
(6
g)
2 heads
escarole, washed, chopped into small pieces
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Directions:

- 1. Preheat pan over medium heat. When several drops of water sprinkled on pan skitter and dissipate, approximately 5 7 minutes, add kielbasa. Place cover on pan slightly ajar and cook until browned on all sides, approximately 15 minutes.
- 2. Remove kielbasa from pan and transfer to a bowl, leaving drippings in pan. Set aside.
- 3. Add onions and garlic to pan and sauté until translucent and softened, approximately 5 minutes.
- 4. Add beans, beer, stock, maple syrup, brown mustard, crushed red pepper, bay leaves and thyme to pan and cover. When Vapo-Valve™ clicks steadily, reduce heat to low and cook for approximately 1 ½ hours or 90 minutes until beans are soft.
- 5. Add escarole, stir to combine and add browned kielbasa pieces on top. Cover and cook for 15 20 minutes until escarole is softened.
- 6. Add salt and stir to combine. Taste and add extra seasonings as necessary.
- 7. Serve escarole and beans with a portion of kielbasa.

Tips:

- Substitute kielbasa sausage and crushed red pepper for spicy chorizo sausage.
- Substitute kielbasa sausage for chicken or turkey sausage.
- This dish stores and freezes well, and tastes even better the day after it is made.
- Spice up this dish by offering hot sauce to add to individual dishes.

Nutritional Information per
Serving

Based on 16 servings
Calories: 227
Total Fat: 6g
Saturated Fat: 2g
Cholesterol: 11mg
Sodium: 479mg
Total 30g
Carbs:
Dietary Fiber: 12g
Sugar: 4g
Protein: 13g