

Red Braised Beef Noodles

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Ingredients

- 1 lb beef, cubed (preferably beef tendon or birsket, but regular stewing beef is okay)
- 5 dried shitake mushrooms, halved
- 2 carrots, cut into pieces
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp ginger, minced
- 1/2 white onion, thinly sliced
- 3 tbsp oil
- 1.5 cups water
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 1.4 cup rice wine or dry sherry
- Black pepper
- Salt
- Five spice powder
- Cornstarch
- 5-7 black peppercorns (optional)

Instructions

- 1. Marinate beef with black pepper, salt, cornstarch and five spice in airtight ziplock bag in fridge, for at least 30 mins
- 2. Soak dried mushrooms in small amount of water. Reserve liquid for later use!
- 3. Heat 1 tbsp oil in wok on low heat, when hot, sweat the onion for about 15

minutes.

- 4. While waiting for beef to marinate and onion to sweat, prepare the ginger, garlic, and carrots.
- 5. Remove onions and set aside.
- 6. Heat remaining 2 tbsp cooking oil over medium-high heat.
- 7. Stir-fry ginger and garlic till fragrant.
- 8. Stir-fry beef till browned on all sides and 70% cooked.
- 9. Place onions and dried mushrooms in wok and give a few quick stirs to mix.
- 10. You can transfer to a claypot or continue cooking in the wok at this point.
- 11. Add water, reserved mushroom soaking water, soy sauce, rice wine, peppercorns and mix well.
- 12. Turn heat on high till it comes to a boil.
- 13. Reduce heat to low and simmer for 1 hour, uncovered.

14. Put in carrots and simmer for another 30 minutes or until carrots are tender.

** Stir occasionally to prevent ingredients from burning at the bottom, and add water if it dries up too much in the cooking process.

** You may wish to thicken the sauce - stir cornstarch in cold water till dissolved, and stir in the cornstarch mixture and let cool to thicken.

Serve: Serve over noodles or pasta, or just have it with rice!