

OVERALL time: 195 mins

CHINESE 5 SPICE BEEF SHORT RIBS

Turn a stay-at-home family dinner into a feast with this easy recipe. Our 5 spice blend is heady with the perfume of cinnamon, fennel, cloves, star anise and cardamom – the perfect aromatics base for the richness of beef short ribs. All it asks for is Jasmin or Basmati rice.

Metric

Number of servings : 4

ingredients

For the ribs

- 1 kg Thick- cut beef short ribs
- 30 ml Vegetable oil
- 1 Large onion, peeled & quartered
- 2 Large carrots, peeled and quartered
- 22 ml **Cape Herb and Spice Chinese 5 Spice**
- 30 ml Hoisin Sauce
- 15 ml Honey
- 30 ml Soy sauce
- 240 ml Water
- 2 Fat cloves of garlic, finely sliced or grated
- 4 cm Piece of ginger, peeled and finely sliced
- 15 ml Corn flour

To serve

- 3 Spring onions, green parts only, sliced very finely on the diagonal
- Large handful of coriander leaves
- Finely sliced red chilli (optional)
- Bsmati or Jasmin rice

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Heat a frying pan, add the vegetable oil and fry the short rib, a few pieces at a time, until nicely brown and caramelized. Place onion and carrots in a large roasting dish. Place short ribs on top. Whisk together the 5 spice, hoisin, honey, soy, ginger, garlic and water and pour over the meat. Cover the roasting tray with tinfoil, tucking in the sides to ensure it is properly sealed.

Slow roast in a 170 degree Celsius oven for two and a half to three hours until the meat is fall-off-the-bone soft. Mix the corn flour with a tablespoon of water and stir it into the sauce in the roasting tray. Pop it back in the oven for a further 5 minutes to give the corn flour a chance to cook through and thicken the sauce. Top beef short ribs with spring onions, coriander and chilli if using and serve with Basmati or Jasmin rice.

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