## A Hearty, Everyday Cassoulet Serves 6

## Ingredients:

- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 tablespoon olive oil
- 4-6 chicken thighs
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 onion, sliced thinly, pole to pole
- 1 leek, sliced thinly
- 1 stalk celery, sliced thinly
- 1 carrot, sliced thinly
- 1 parsnip, sliced thinly
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh rosemary
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 1 (28-ounce) can diced tomatoes, undrained
- 3 cans white beans such as cannellini, navy, or Great Northern, rinsed and drained
- 4 links spicy Italian sausage
- 1/2 cup white wine

## Toppings & Garnishes:

- 2 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped
- 4 tablespoons toasted buttery breadcrumbs

## Directions:

- 1. Sear the chicken: Salt and pepper both sides of the chicken thighs. If using a multi-pot or slow cooker with a searing function, sear the chicken in olive oil and butter until browned. If your slow cooker only slow cooks, sear the chicken thighs in a skillet over medium-high heat on the stovetop.
- 2. Prepare the onion, leek, celery, carrot, parsnip, and garlic. Add the aromatics to the slow cooker. Begin the cooking by setting the slow cooker to high and set for 4 hours, or to low and set for 8 hours.
- 3. Add the rosemary, thyme, bay leaf, tomatoes, beans, and chicken stock to the slow cooker.
- 4. 4. Place the chicken thighs on top of other ingredients, cover and let the slow cooking cooking continue.
- 5. Meanwhile, braise the sausages in a skillet with 1/2 cup of white wine. Let the wine reduce, turning the sausages as they cook. When the wine is evaporated, continue to brown the sausages on all sides, adding a tablespoon of water at a time as needed. Cut the cooked sausages into 1/2" slices and add them to the slow cooker.
- 6. Just before serving, melt 2 tablespoons of butter in a non-stick skillet. Toss in the breadcrumbs and stir until slightly browned and gently toasted. Garnish the plated cassoulet with the toasted, buttered breadcrumbs.