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Beef Tenderloin with Red Wine Shallot Sauce

Serves 6

A juicy, tender cut of meat, this roasted beef tenderloin is complemented with a rich, red wine shallot sauce. A perfect holiday entrée, this recipe is a showstopper with it's spectacular presentation and top notch delivery of flavor. With a few simple preparation steps and a digital thermometer to test for doneness, a perfectly roasted beef tenderloin is easy to achieve.

Ingredients:

1 (3 lb) beef tenderloin roast

Kosher salt

(1/2 teaspoon per pound of beef)

Freshly ground black pepper

(1/4 teaspoon per pound of beef)

2 tablespoons fresh rosemary leaves, minced

1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves, minced

2 tablespoons vegetable oil

Red Wine Shallot Sauce Ingredients:

4 tablespoons butter

2 cups diced shallots

1 tablespoon sugar

1 tablespoon red wine vinegar

2 tablespoons flour

2 cups dry red wine

6 fresh thyme sprigs

2 fresh rosemary sprigs

1 bay leaf

3 cups beef stock

Directions:

- 1. Bring the beef to room temperature for about 20 minutes. Meanwhile, preheat the oven to 400° F.
- 2. Tie the beef tenderloin with butcher's twine to ensure even roasting. Generously season the beef with the kosher salt and pepper, rosemary, and thyme.
- 3. In a large, heavy bottomed skillet or sauté pan, heat the vegetable oil and sear the beef on all sides until well-browned.
- 4. Prepare the roasting pan by placing a wire cooling rack over the roasting or sheet pan. Place the seared beef on top of the wire rack.
- 5. Roast in the oven for 30-35 minutes until the internal temperature reaches 120° F for medium-rare.
- 6. Let the roast rest on a cutting board for 10 minutes to allow the juices to reabsorb.
- 7. Slice the beef and serve with the sauce.

Red Wine Shallot Sauce Directions:

- 1. In the skillet or sauté pan used to sear the tenderloin, melt the butter. Add the shallots and sauté until tender, about 5 minutes.
- 2. Sprinkle the shallots with the sugar and cook for another 4-5 minutes until some caramelization begins.
- 3. Add the vinegar, and cook until it reduces completely.
- 4. Sprinkle the shallots with the flour, and stir until the shallots are coated.
- 5. Add the red wine, beef stock, and herbs and bring to a simmer. Simmer uncovered for about 10-15 minutes, stirring occasionally until the flavors blend, and until the sauce reduces to about 1-1/2 cups.