

Flank Steak Ragu with Pappardelle

Serves about 8

Try this decadent flank steak ragu for dinner! This dish delivers on flavor - the hearty, tender bites of beef are bathed in a rich, red sauce which pairs perfectly with silky pappardelle noodles. Try it -- you'll love it!

Ingredients:

2-1/2 to 3 lb flank steak
1/2 teaspoon Kosher Salt
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
2 tablespoons canola oil
1 large shallot, diced (about 1/2 cup)
6 cloves garlic
3 carrots, sliced into half moons
2 tablespoons flour

cup red wine
 (28 oz) cans crushed tomato
 (6oz) can tomato paste
 cup beef broth
 sprigs fresh rosemary
 bay leaves
 lbs pappardelle pasta
 fresh parsley, for garnish
 shaved parmesan, for garnish

Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F.

2. Season the flank steak on both sides generously with kosher salt, pepper, and thyme. In a large Dutch oven, on high heat, sear the flank steak on both sides in the canola oil until browned (about 3-5 minutes per side). Remove from the heat, and then slice (against the grain) into four-six large cuts about 2" wide.

3. Add olive oil to the Dutch oven, and sauté the shallot until it softens, add the garlic and carrot, and sauté for another minute.

4. Sprinkle the vegetables with flour and stir until coated.

5. Deglaze pan with red wine and bring to a simmer.

6. Add the crushed tomato, tomato paste, beef broth, rosemary, bay leaves, and seared steak pieces back to the pot.

7. Cover and braise for 2.5-3 hours in the oven until the steak is tender. Use two forks to shred the meat. Return the shredded meat to the sauce.

8. Meanwhile, prepare the pappardelle according to the package instructions.

9. Serve the ragu on a bed of noodles with a garnish of parmesan cheese and parsley.

Slow Cooker Method: Follow steps 1-6 then cook in a slow cooker for 4-6 hours on high or 8-10 on low. Shred the meat and add to the sauce.

Electric Pressure Cooker Method: Follow steps 1-6 then cook for 1 hour on high pressure, carefully release the pressure. Shred the meat, and add to the sauce. Switch to the sauté mode and stir until the desired sauce consistency is reached.