

Best Ever Country Spare Ribs with Cheddar Polenta

(Serves 4) Spare Rib Ingredients

2 lbs. boneless pork country spare ribs

2 tbsp. olive oil

1 onion (diced)

6 cloves of garlic (crushed)

1 bottle of good beer

2 cups of water

Rub Ingredients

3 tbsp. brown sugar

2½ tsp. ground ancho chili

1 tsp. unsweetened cocoa

1 tsp. chili flakes

1 tsp. instant coffee

1 tsp. ground garlic

½ tsp. ground fennel

2 tsp. salt

1 tsp. black pepper

Polenta Ingredients

Polenta

½ cup milk

2 tbsp. butter

Smoked black pepper

Shredded sharp white cheddar

Rub Directions

Mix together and liberally rub all over ribs.

Spare Rib Directions

Heat 2 tablespoons olive oil in a heavy pot with lid. Brown ribs on all sides. Add onion and garlic to pot and stir with meat for 2 minutes. Add beer and water and scrape up any bits on bottom of pan. Cover and turn to simmer. Braise for about 2 hours or until tender.

Polenta Directions

Cook polenta as directed and add about $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk and 2 tablespoons butter with smoked black pepper and shredded sharp white cheddar at end of cooking.

Plating

Serve ribs on polenta, drizzle with sauce from the pan, and open a fabulous bottle of 2017 Gee Vineyard Pinot Noir!