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Flemish Beef & Beer Stew (Carbonnade)

Serves 4 – 6

Ingredients

2 lb. beef chuck, cut into 2" x 1/2"-thick slices Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste 1/4 cup flour 4 tbsp. unsalted butter 4 slices bacon, finely chopped 6 cloves garlic, finely chopped 3 medium yellow onions, thinly sliced lengthwise 2 cups Belgian-style ale, like Ommegang Abbey Ale 1 cup beef stock 2 tbsp. dark brown sugar 2 tbsp. apple cider vinegar 3 sprigs thyme 3 sprigs parsley 2 sprigs tarragon 1 bay leaf Bread, for serving

Instructions: Season beef with salt and pepper in a bowl; add flour and toss to coat.

Heat 2 tbsp. butter in a 6-qt. Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Working in batches, add beef; cook, turning, until browned, about 8 minutes. Transfer to a plate; set aside.

Add bacon; cook until its fat renders, about 8 minutes.

Add remaining butter, garlic, and onions; cook until caramelized, about 30 minutes.

Add half the beer; cook, scraping bottom of pot, until slightly reduced, about 4 minutes. Return beef to pot with remaining beer, stock, sugar, vinegar, thyme, parsley, tarragon, bay leaf, and salt and pepper; boil.

Reduce heat to medium-low; cook, covered, until beef is tender, about 1 ½ hours.

Serve with bread.

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