## SAUCY SHORT RIBS

Serves 8

Adapted from Bon Appetít

Combine brown sugar, oregano, mustard, cumin, paprika, salt. and pepper into a rub.

Dredge ribs through the rub coating on all sides.

In a large pan over high heat, heat olive oil. Sear short ribs in small batches and transfer to roasting pan or large casseroles.

In same pan, deglaze with 4 tbsp red wine over high heat. Reduce heat and add pancetta. Sauté for 2 min. Add onion and sauté 2 - 3 min until softened.

Add thyme, wine, tomato paste, and Tabasco. Blend. Add wine. Bring to boil.

Pour mixture into roasting pan around short ribs.

Cover and cook at  $300^{\circ}$  for 3 - 4 hrs until ribs are tender and easily pull off the bone. Be sure to check the pan every hour and add beef broth if needed.

Remove 2 cups sauce from the roasting pan and strain through a sieve into a sauce pot.

Bring sauce to boil and reduce heat. Simmer 15 min until thickened. If needed add corn starch dissolved in hot water.

Serve ribs with sauce.

## INGREDIENTS

- ¼ c brown sugar
  2 tsp oregano
  2 tsp dry mustard
  4 tsp cumin
  2 tbsp paprika
  4 tsp salt
  4 tsp pepper
  8 lbs beef short ribs
  2 tbsp olive oil
  8 oz chopped pancetta
  2 cups chopped onion
  8 sprigs thyme
  1 bottle red wine
  2 tbsp tomato paste
- 2 tbsp Tabasco
- 4 6 cups beef broth

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Add all ingredients to pot. Bring to boil. Reduce and simmer 20 – 25 min.

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 2 cups yellow stone ground grits
 2 cups half and half or whipping cream
 4 cups chicken broth
 ½ stick butter