



Ryan's Sausage and Bacon Country Cassoulet

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with Quick-Roasted Garlic/
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Ingredients

For the Roasted Garlic:

12 cloves garlic, unpeeled
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil

For the Chili:

12 shallots, chopped
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
3 Anaheim chile peppers
3 cloves garlic, minced
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 cup dry white wine
7 cups low-sodium chicken broth
4 cups pork sausage, cooked
1 tablespoon chili powder
2 15oz-ounce cans navy beans, undrained
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
10 ounces fresh spinach, chopped
 $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon smoked paprika
 $\frac{1}{3}$ cup heavy cream
6 strips cooked bacon, chopped

Directions

Make the roasted garlic: Toss the 12 cloves garlic with the olive oil and 1 teaspoon water in a microwave-safe bowl. Cover, leaving a vent, and microwave until soft, about 90 seconds. Let cool, covered.

Prepare the chili: Preheat the broiler. Cook the shallots in the olive oil in a large saucepan over medium-low heat until caramelized, about 20 minutes. Meanwhile, place the chiles on a foil-lined broiler pan and broil until charred on all sides, turning, about 8 minutes. Transfer to a bowl, cover with plastic wrap and let cool. Peel the peppers with your fingers or a paring knife. Stem, seed and chop.

Add the minced garlic to the shallots and cook until fragrant, about 2 minutes. Add the flour and cook, stirring, until toasted, about 3 minutes. Increase the heat to high and add the wine; simmer 2 minutes, scraping up any browned bits from the pan. Add the roasted chilies, 6 cups broth, the sausage, chili powder, cayenne, beans and salt and black pepper to taste. Return to a simmer.

Meanwhile, squeeze the soft pulp from the roasted garlic into a blender or food processor. Add the remaining 1 cup broth and process until smooth. Add to the chili and simmer until thickened, about 30 minutes, adding the spinach and bacon pieces during the last 5 minutes. Add the paprika and cream and season with salt and pepper.

Serves 6

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