

Farmed wild boar, the ancestor to the domestic pig, has a long and colourful history – much celebrated throughout Europe and Central Asia. The meat is lean and exceptionally flavoursome ranging from mild and delicate to rich and gamey. The most tender cuts are from the loin but all cuts produce delicious results by utilising a range of cooking methods and accompaniments.

Ideal for the expert and novice alike!

Wild boar, chorizo & butter bean stew

INGREDIENTS

400g Wild Boar diced for stew
200g tin Butter Beans drained
200g Chorizo cut in slices
50ml Oil
4 cloves Garlie finely chopped
1 medium Onion finely chopped
175ml Red Wine
400g tin Chopped Tomatoes
Itbsp Thyme Leaves chopped

2tbsp Flat Leaf Parsley chopped

METHOD

Marinate the wild boar in the wine for at least 3 hours in advance – overnight if possible.

Heat the oil in a pan until hot and add the chorizo slices. Cook until slightly browned. Remove the chorizo from the pan with a slotted spoon, then add the onion and garlic to the pan and cook gently until translucent. Then add the diced boar and cook for approximately 5 minutes.

Pour in the marinade and allow to reduce by half, adding the chopped tomatoes, butter beans and thyme. Add the chorizo to the stew and season generously with salt and pepper.

Cook gently on the stove for approximately 1 hour 30 minutes or until the boar is tender and serve with butter noodles, rice or mash.

Wild boar & cider carbonnade

INGREDIENTS

750g Wild Boar steaks
30ml Oil
600g Onions cut in half
and sliced
40g Butter
30g Flour
400ml Cider
400ml Chicken stock

2 only Bay Leaves

2 sprigs Thyme

METHOD

Heat the oil in a pan and brown the wild boar steaks on both sides. Remove from the heat and set to one side — keeping warm.

Add butter to the pan along with the onions and cook slowly for approximately 20 minutes. Allow the onions to colour and soften. Stir in the flour and cookout for approximately 5 minutes before adding the cider. Bring to the boil.

In a casserole dish, layer up the cider and onion mix along with the wild boar steaks. Add the bay leaves and thyme, season with salt and pepper and cover with a lid and cook in the oven at 160°C for 2 bours or until tender.

Serve with mash and braised red cabbage.

Wild boar escalopes with pineapple relish

INGREDIENTS

4x 140g Wild Boar leg steaks/ loin steaks

Seasoned flour

Egg wash

BREADCRUMB MIX

120g Fresh Breadcrumbs 120g Finely Grated Parmesan Cheese

2tbsp Chopped Flat Leaf Parsley 1tbsp Chopped Thyme Leaves

PINEAPPLE RELISH

1 medium Pineapple peeled and cut in 1cm dice 2tbsp Brown Sugar 150ml Apple Juice Zest 1 Lime Grated ½ Red Chilli finely diced (seeds removed) Seasoning

METHOD

Mix all the ingredients of the breadcrumb mix.

Pane the steaks in flour, egg wash and breadcrumb mix. Then pan fry the coated steaks in plenty of hot oil until golden on each side.

For the pineapple relish, heat a non-stick pan and add the diced pineapple along with the sugar. Stir the pineapple and sugar for 2 or 3 minutes then pour in the applie juice and fine diced red chilli. Allow the pineapple to cook until the liquid has reduced and sticky, season with salt, pepper and the grated lime zest.

Serve with Pineapple relish a wedge of lemon and oven cooked potato wedges.

Wild boar tagine

INGREDIENTS

MEATHALLS

500g Minced Wild boar 3 sprigs Rosemary Leaves finely chopped 50g Fresh Breaderumbs

¼ tsp Harissa Paste

¹2 tsp Smoked Paprika <u>1 whole Ege</u>

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1 Sweet Potato cut in 2cm dice

5 Baby Boiler potatoes ent in quarters

350ml Chicken Stock

4 dried Lime Leaves

4 Medium Plum Tomatoes cut in quarters

4 tep Fish Sauce

2 thep Brown Sugar

Lonly Cinnamon Stick

l tsp Cardamon: Pods

I tsp Tumeric

I tsp Chilli Powder

I tsp Ground Cumin

I thep Root Einger grated

2 cloves Garlie Diced

25ml Oil

METHOD

Mix ingredients for the meatballs together and season well. With wet hands, shape the wild boar mix into 16 evenly sised meatballs and set aside.

Heat a pan and add the oil. Add the meathalls and allow to brown on all sides, then remove from the pan. Add the onion, garlie and ginger to the pan and cook gently for 2 to 3 minutes. Then add the spices and cook for 3 minutes stirring constantly.

Add the sugar, tomatoes, lime leaves, fish sauce and stock to the pan and slowly bring to the boil. Add potatocs and wild hoar meatballs, cover with a lid and cook in the oven for 1 hour at 180°C.

Delicious served with cous cous.

Roast loin with apple & walnut chutney

INGREDIENTS

850g Wild Boar Loin rolled and tied

150g Mirepoix (The French term to describe a combination of finely diced onions, carrots and celery)

1 large Cooking Apple diced Oil

Seasoning

Few Sprigs of Sage and Thyme

APPLE & WALNUT CHUTNEY

175g Cooking Apples peeled and diced 175ml Vinegar 90g Brown sugar 90g Chopped Onions 45g Raisins

5g Mustard Powder 1/8 tsp Mustard Seeds 1/8 tsp Curry Powder ¼ tsp Chilli Powder

1tsp Grated Root Ginger 4g Salt

METHOD

Sear the seasoned boar in the oil in a hot pan then remove from the heat. In the same pan brown the mirepoix.

Lay the mirepoix in the bottom of a roasting dish along with the diced apple and the herbs, put the boar on top and cook in the oven at 180°C for approximately 1 hour. Baste frequently until it's cooked to your preference. For assistance with cooking times, consult your retailer or take a look online at www.eatwell.gov.uk.

Once cooked, remove the meat from the oven and keep warm. Place the juices in the roasting tray over a medium heat and add a little white wine. Bring to the boil and scrape any sediment from the bottom of the tray.

Thicken slightly with a little diluted arrowroot and strain through a fine sieve.

For the Apple & Walnut Chutney, add all the ingredients to a pan and bring to the boil reduce the heat and allow to simmer and reduce until the chutney thickens.

Curly kale and red cabbage make very good accompaniments.

Roast loin chinoise

INGREDIENTS

850g Loin of Wild Boar rolled and tied

150g Mirepoix (The French term to describe a combination of finely diced onions, carrots and celery)

2 sticks Lemongrass bashed

1 thumb Root Ginger roughly chopped

3 cloves Garlic bashed

Soy Sauce

Peck of 1 Orange

METHOD

Sear the loin in the oil in a hot pan, remove from the heat then brown the mirepoix in the same pan.

Add the lemongrass and orange rind along with a splash of soy sauce. Scrape the contents of the pan into a roasting tray and place the boar on top.

Cook at 180°C basting frequently for approximately 1 hour until cooked to your preference. For assistance with cooking times, consult your retailer or take a look online at www.eatwell.gov.uk.

Once cooked, remove the meat from the oven and keep warm. Add a little water or stock to the roasting tray over a medium heat, scraping the sediment from the bottom of the tray. Season to taste and strain through a fine sieve

Serve with stir-fried vegetables and a garlic mash.

Wild boar Thai curry

INGREDIENTS

500g Diced Boar ½ Medium Onion diced 5 cloves Garlic chopped 1 thsp Root Ginger chopped ½ tsp Flaked Dried Chilli 2 thsp Mild Curry Powder 1 red Chilli finely diced I tsp Tamarind Paste 1½ thsp Brown Sugar 4 stalks Lemongrass 50ml Water

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METHOD

Heat a pan and add the oil. Add the diced boar and cook until sealed. Then add the coconut milk and bring to the boil then allow to simmer for approximately I hour.

Place the remaining ingredients in a food processor and blitz until you have a paste. Add the paste to the boar mixture and continue to cook for a further 50 minutes.

Depending on the consistency, feel free to add a little water. Perfect served with jusmine rice,



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