

THE BEST BEEF STEW

YIELD: 6 Servings

INGREDIENTS:

1-1/2 pounds beef stew meat, cut into 1-inch cubes

1/2 tsp salt, divided

6 Tbsp all-purpose flour, divided

1/2 tsp smoked paprika

1 tsp canola oil

3 Tbsp tomato paste

2 tsp herbes de Provence

2 garlic cloves, minced

2 cups dry red wine

2 cups beef broth

1-1/2 tsp minced fresh rosemary, divided

2 bay leaves

3 cups cubed peeled potatoes

3 cups coarsely chopped onions (about 2 large)

2 cups sliced carrots

2 Tbsp cold water

2 Tbsp balsamic or red wine vinegar

1 cup fresh or frozen peas

PREPARATION:

In a small bowl, toss beef and 1/4 teaspoon salt. In a large bowl, combine 4 tablespoons flour and paprika. Add beef, a few pieces at a time, and toss to coat.

In a Dutch oven, brown beef in oil over medium heat. Stir in tomato paste, herbes de Provence and garlic; cook until fragrant and color starts to darken slightly. Add wine; cook until mixture just comes to a boil. Simmer until reduced by half, about 5 minutes. Stir in broth, 1 teaspoon rosemary and bay leaves. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer until meat is almost tender, about 1-1/2 hours.

Add potatoes, onions and carrots. Cover; simmer until meat and vegetables are tender, about 30-40 minutes longer.

Discard bay leaves. In a small bowl, combine remaining 1/2 teaspoon rosemary, remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt and remaining 2 tablespoon flour. Add cold water and vinegar; stir until smooth. Stir into stew. Bring to a boil; add frozen peas. Cook, stirring, until thickened, about 2 minutes. If desired, top with additional fresh rosemary.

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