Beef Bourguignon

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Servings: 8

Preparation Time: 20 minutes

Start to Finish Time: 2 hours 20 minutes

1 1/2 teaspoons olive oil

1 1/2 pounds lean beef stew meat

2 cups onions, vertically sliced

2 cups carrots, sliced

1 cup green or bell pepper, diced

1 can (14 oz) diced tomatoes, undrained

1 package (12 oz) button mushrooms, quartered

1 can (14 oz) reduced-sodium beef broth

1 1/2 cups dry red wine

2 garlic cloves, pressed

2 tablespoons tomato paste

1 bay leaf

1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

1/4 teaspoon coarsley ground black pepper

3 tablespoons all-purpose flour

2 tablespoons butter, softened

fresh flat-leaf parsley (optional)

Heat oil in a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add beef in batches and cook until brown. Remove to a plate.

Add onion, carrot, mushrooms and bell pepper to pan; cook, stirring occasionally, until onion is lightly browned, about 5 minutes. Return beef and any juices to pan. Add tomatoies and next 8 ingredients (tomatoes thru black pepper). Cover and bring to a simmer. Cook 2 hours or until beef is tender. Discard bay leaf.

Combine flour and butter in a small bowl. Mix with your fingers or a fork until mixture becomes a paste. Ladle about 1/2 cup pan juices into flour mixture. Whisk until very smooth. Add to pan. Stir well.

To serve, ladle into soup plates and sprinkle with parsley if using.

Per Serving (excluding unknown items): 116 Calories; 4g Fat (39.1% calories from fat); 2g Protein; 12g Carbohydrate; 2g Dietary Fiber; 8mg Cholesterol; 222mg Sodium. Exchanges: 0 Grain(Starch); 1 1/2 Vegetable; 1/2 Fat.