## Hearty Beef Stew

Tender beef stew chock full of veggies and flavor



SERVINGS 6-8

PREP TIME 30 MINUTES

## **INGREDIENTS**

6 oz thick sliced bacon, chopped into 1/4" wide strips

2 tbs olive oil

2 ½ lbs boneless Mazzulo's beef chuck trimmed and cut into 1" pieces

Salt and pepper to taste

1/4 cup all-purpose flour

2 cups red wine such as Pinot Noir

1 lb mushrooms, thickly sliced

4 large carrots, peeled and cut into 1/2" thick pieces

1 medium yellow onion, diced

4 garlic cloves, chopped

1 tbs tomato paste

4 cups low sodium beef broth or beef stock

2 bay leaves

1 tsp dried thyme

1 lb new or fingerling potatoes, halved or quartered

## **DIRECTIONS**

In a large, oven-proof pot, sauté bacon over medium heat until golden brown and fat is released. Using a slotted spoon, remove bacon to a separate bowl.

Place beef in a large mixing bowl and season with 1/2 tbs salt and 1 tsp black pepper. Sprinkle beef with 1/4 cup flour and toss to combine and evenly coat. Transfer beef in batches into the hot bacon fat and cook over med/ high heat, until beef is browned (3-4 min per side). Add olive oil if needed. (Cook beef in 2 batches to properly sear) Transfer beef to the bowl with bacon.

Add wine to the pot and bring to a boil, scraping the bottom to deglaze. Add sliced mushrooms and simmer over medium heat about 10 min. Return beef and bacon to the pot.

In skillet over medium/high heat sauté sliced carrots, diced onion and garlic in olive oil for 4 min. Add tomato paste and sauté another minute. Transfer veggies to the soup pot. Add beef broth, bay leaves, thyme, salt and pepper. Stir to combine and bring to a low boil. Add potatoes, making sure they are submerged in liquid then cover and transfer to a 325°F oven for 1 hour and 45 min. Tilt the pot after it comes out of the oven to allow the liquid to pool to one side, then skim off any excess fat.