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INGREDIENTS

all-purpose/plain flour, for dusting salt and freshly ground black pepper 4 x 12½ oz (350 g) centre-cut pieces venison shanks vegetable oil

SAUCE

- 1 onion, peeled and cut into ½-in (1-cm) cubes 1 clove garlic, peeled
- and crushed
- 1 medium-sized carrot, peeled and cut into ½-in (1-cm) cubes
- 3½ oz (100 g) celery, peeled and sliced ½ in (1 cm) thick
- 2 tbsp (30 g) butter pinch of saffron
- 2 tbsp picked thyme leaves
- 1½ oz (40 g) tomato purée/paste
- 6¾ tbsp (100 ml) white wine
- 2 qt (2 litres) strong brown chicken stock (p. 482)

POLENTA

1 qt (1 litre) milk 1 qt (1 litre) chicken stock (p. 482) 2 cloves garlic, crushed sprig of thyme pinch of salt 18 oz (500 g) fine polenta 4 tbsp mascarpone 6¾ tbsp (100 ml) olive oil 3 tbsp plus 1 tsp (50 ml)

9 oz (250 g) Parmesan 4 egg yolks truffle oil to taste

GREMOLATA

½ bunch flat-leaf parsley 1 lemon 4 cloves garlic salt and freshly ground black pepper

Veal Osso Bucco with Truffled Polenta & Gremolata

Mark Sargeant

COMPLEXITY: MODERATE | PREP TIME: 1 HOUR | COOK TIME: 3 HOURS | SERVES: 4

METHOD

Pre-heat the oven to 320°F (160°C).

Lightly flour and season the pieces of venison. In a heavy-based casserole, fry them in the vegetable oil over a high heat for about 8 minutes, until nicely coloured on both sides. Set aside.

In the casserole, gently cook the onion, garlic, carrot, and celery in the butter over a medium-low heat until soft, about 10 minutes. Add the saffron, thyme, and tomato purée/paste and cook for a minute or so. Add the white wine and bubble to reduce completely, then add the brown chicken stock and the pieces of venison.

Cook slowly in the oven for 2 to 2 hours 30 minutes, until tender. Remove from the oven and cool slightly, then take the shanks out. Over a medium heat, reduce the cooking liquor for about 15 minutes until it thickens, 15 minutes, then pour back over the shanks to heat.

For the polenta, place the milk, stock, garlic, thyme, and salt in a saucepan over a medium heat. Bring just to the boil, then turn the heat off and leave to infuse for 15 minutes. Strain into a bowl, add the polenta and stir in for 8 minutes, then add the remaining polenta ingredients and stir in.

To make the gremolata, pick the parsley leaves from stalks, finely chop and place in a mixing bowl. Using a microplane or fine grater, grate in the zest of the lemon and the garlic. Season with a little salt and pepper.

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