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Beef Brisket – Serves 6

Ingredients:

- 2 kg beef brisket
- 1 Tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 Tablespoon chili powder
- 1 Tablespoon paprika
- 1 Tablespoon cocoa powder
- 1 Tablespoon onion powder

Instructions:

- 1. Mix together brown sugar, chili powder, paprika, cocoa powder, minced onion, garlic powder, salt and pepper; rub all sides of the brisket.
- 2. Refrigerate brisket overnight or for several hours.
- 3. Preheat oven to 180 degrees C. Bake brisket (fat side up) uncovered in a deep cast iron casserole for 1 hour.
- 4. Reduce heat to 160 degrees C; add beef stock and cover. Cook for 2-4 more hours or until the meat falls apart.
- 5. Let meat rest for 10 minutes before cutting or serving.
- 6. Finish the melt in your mount beef brisket:
- 7. Carefully transfer the brisket to a plate or cutting board.
- 8. Use tongs or 2 forks to shred the beef brisket into bite-sized pieces, discarding the bones as you go. Return the shredded brisket into cast iron casserole with a bit of olive oil. Stir to combine.

Beef Ragu– Serves 6

Ingredients:

- 500g Beef Brisket

Butternut Squash Pasta Sauce

- 500g Diced butternut squash
- 1.5 Cups fresh chopped tomatoes
- 1/2 Yellow onion, chopped
- 2 tbsp Olive Oil
- Salt and Pepper to taste
- 1/2 tsp Dried thyme
- 1/3 Cup pasta water reserved from cooked pasta

Beef Ragu pasta:

- 600g Pappardelle Pasta or Bucatini
- ½ Cup grated parmesan
- Grated parmesan, finely chopped fresh herbs, etc.



Instructions for Butternut Squash Pasta Sauce:

- 1. Preheat oven to 200 C and line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
- 2. Place cubed butternut squash, chopped tomatoes and chopped onion on the baking sheet.
- 3. Drizzle olive oil on top and season with salt and pepper, and thyme.
- 4. Mix to cover the vegetables evenly with oil and seasonings.
- 5. Bake at 200 C for 20 minutes.
- 6. While the veggies bake, cook the pasta according to package instructions.
- 7. Before you drain the cooked pasta reserve 1/3 cup of the pasta water and place in a blender.

- 1 Tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups beef stock
- Foil pan





8. Take the cooked veggies hot from the oven and blend with the pasta water until a smooth sauce remains.

Instructions for Beef Ragu Pasta:

- 1. Boil the pasta: Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the pasta and cook, stirring occasionally, until the pasta is cooked to al dente according to package directions.
- 2. Carefully dip a liquid measuring cup into the pot, reserving about 1 cup of the starchy pasta water, and set aside. Carefully drain the pasta do NOT rinse it!

Finish the short rib ragu sauce:

- 1. Meanwhile, as the pasta boils, bring the brisket ragu up to a simmer.
- 2. Stir in the butternut pasta sauce. Continue to simmer over low heat, stirring occasionally.

Short rib ragu pappardelle:

- 1. Add the cooked pasta to the pot with the beef ragu sauce, tossing to coat.
- 2. The beef ragu should evenly coat the pasta.
- 3. Add in some of the reserved pasta water if the ragu needs to loosen up a little; add in an extra handful of parmesan if it needs to tighten up a little.
- 4. Cook over medium heat for 1-2 minutes, allowing the pasta to meld with & absorb some of the ragu.

Serve:

1. Portion the short rib ragu pappardelle into individual pasta bowls, topping with additional grated parmesan, chopped fresh herbs as desired. Serve immediately.

Lemon Blueberry Parfaits with Sesame Biscuit Crumble – Serves 6

Ingredients:	
- 1 1/2 Cups blueberries, fresh or frozen Sesame Biscuit Crumble	
- 1/3 Cup water - 25g Butter, cold	
- 1/4 Cup sugar - 40g fFour	
- 2 Cups heavy cream - 20g Sugar	
- 1/4 Cup honey - 10g Black sesame seeds	
- 1 Cup lemon curd, store bought - ¼ Tsp salt	J-L
- 1 Tsp lemon zest, for garnish - 10g Beaten egg	

Instructions:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 170° C.
- 2. Knead the cold butter, flour, sugar, black sesame seeds, salt, and beaten egg together in a bowl with your hands to form the crumble.
- 3. Spread on a baking sheet and bake for approx. 10 12 min
- 4. Stir the blueberries, water, and sugar together in a small pot.
- 5. Cook over medium-low heat until thick, syrup-y and reduced by half (5-10 minutes). Cool completely.
- 6. Place the cream and honey in a large mixing bowl and whip on high speed until the cream holds soft peaks.
- 7. Alternate layers of whipped cream, blueberries, and lemon curd in serving glasses.
- 8. Garnish with lemon zest.



