Stroganoff and Red Cabbage



History suggests that this main course dish was designed by a French Chef in the employ of a wealthy Russian family in the 1890's. It is thought that the thin strips of meat were part of the meal design because the head of the household had bad teeth. The guy with bad teeth is long gone but this recipe is a classic.

We're adding a German version of Red Cabbage or Rotkohl (pronounced "<u>wrote</u> coal") to round out this meal. Delicious food is one example of how cultures can happily come together. **Preparation time: 1 hour and 20 minutes - Servings: 2**

Organize Your Ingredients!

Notes on Organizing

Prep and organize your ingredients on plates or in bowls. Having everything within reach will make cooking more fun. Today you'll prep lots of onion. The Stroganoff gets 1-1/2 C. <u>chopped</u> onion and the Rotkohl gets 2 C. <u>thin-sliced</u> onion. I prefer thin-sliced, plant-based Chick'n in this recipe, but feel free to substitute thin-sliced turkey breast or round steak.

Rotkohl (Red Cabbage)

2 tsp. olive oil
2 C. onion (thin-sliced)
3 C. red cabbage (thin-sliced)
1 medium-sized tart apple (cored and chopped)
3/4 C. red wine
2 tsp. slightly pulverized caraway seeds
1/4 tsp. ground cloves
Additional red wine (as needed)

Mushrooms and Meat of Choice

1 tsp. olive oil 8 oz. Crimini Mushrooms (sliced)

<u>Chick'n Strips:</u> 1 tsp. olive oil 25 pieces Morningstar Chick'n Strips 1/4 C. white wine

<u>Turkey or Beef Option:</u> 1 tsp. olive oil 6 oz. raw turkey breast or round steak 1/4 C. white wine

Stroganoff

1 cube Not Chick'n bouillon 2 C. boiling water

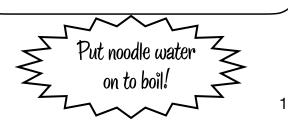
tsp. olive oil
 cloves garlic (smashed and chopped)
 1-1/2 C. onion (chopped)

1/2 C. white wine 1 bay leaf 3 tsp. mild Hungarian paprika

3 T. flour shaken with 2/3 C. nonfat milk

1 C. dill pickle (chopped)

8 oz. dry egg noodles
or
8 oz. fresh fettuccine noodles (cut into 2" strips)
3/4 C. plain, nonfat yogurt (stirred smooth)



Let's Prepare, Cook, and Plate This!

Basic Assembly Instructions

Assemble the Rotkohl first. It can rest and mellow once it finishes cooking. Then dissolve 1 Not Chick'n Bouillon cube in 2 C. boiling water. Set aside.

Rotkohl

- 1. Sauté <u>thin-sliced</u> onion and cabbage in olive oil until onion begins to brown.
- 2. Add apples, red wine, ground caraway seed and cloves. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to low, cover and cook for 20 minutes over low heat. Check from time-to-time. If the pan cooks dry, add a little more red wine.
- 3. Once it's cooked, leave covered on the back of the stove. Reheat before serving.

Mushrooms and "Meat" of Choice

- 1. Using a large sauté pan, brown mushrooms in olive oil and remove from pan. Set aside.
- If using Chick'n strips: brown the strips in oil in the same pan used for mushrooms. Add 1/4 C. white wine and toss while bringing up the brownings from the pan until wine disappears. Remove from pan and let strips cool enough to handle. Thin slice lengthwise. Return to the pan as instructed later in the recipe.
- 3. <u>If using turkey or beef</u>: Thin slice meet before cooking. Then use the same pan used for mushrooms and brown meat slices in oil. Add white wine and toss. Rub bottom of the pan with a spatula to bring up the brownings from the bottom of the pan. When wine nearly cooks away, remove from pan and set aside. Continue with Stroganoff.

Stroganoff and Plate Meal

- 1. Using the same sauté pan used for meat, add another tsp. oil, garlic and <u>chopped</u> onion to pan. Toss over medium-high heat until onion begins to brown. Return mushrooms and meat of choice to pan.
- 2. Add broth, white wine, bay leaf, and paprika to meat and onion mixture. Cook 5 minutes over medium heat.
- 3. Thicken liquid in the pan with flour roux and reduce heat to low. Add dill pickle. Cook an additional 10 minutes over low heat.
- 4. Drop noodles of choice into boiling water and cook per package directions. When tender, drain and rinse.
- 5. Reheat the Rotkohl before serving and stir yogurt into Stroganoff.

Serve 1 C. noodles covered with 2 C. Stroganoff. Spoon 1-1/2 C. Rotkohl alongside Stroganoff.

What I've Learned from this Recipe

When using nonfat yogurt to finish white sauces, you can heat the sauce slightly after adding the yogurt. It is important not to let sauces return to a boil however, as the yogurt may curdle.

Let us know what you think, and ask any questions you may have! chezdon@plate6.com

