

BRAISED PORK BELLY RECIPE WITH DRIED FRUIT JUS & MACALLAN REDUCTION

Pork Belly Cure

1 lbs Kosher Salt

3 ½ C Sugar

1 tbsp Coriander

1 tbsp Black Pepper

1 tbsp Cardamom

1 tbsp Garlic Cloves

1 tbsp Pink Peppercorns

1 tbsp Star Anise

- 1. Take all the spices and toast them
- 2. Combine spices with salt and sugar
- 3. Coat pork belly with spice mixture and cure for 8 hours
- 4. Rinse and set aside

Pork Belly

½ Pork Belly

1 Onions (diced)

1 Celery (diced)

1 Carrots (diced)

6 Garlic Cloves (crushed)

1 Leeks (diced)

2 Tomatoes (diced)

½ btl Macallan 12 Year

1/4 tsp Pork Stock

- 1. Sear Pork Belly, skin side down in oil until the skin is golden brown. Press belly down with weights to help get an even sear
- 2. Remove Pork Belly and set aside
- 3. In the remaining oil add all the aromatics and Mirepoix. Roast.
- 4. Discard excess fat

- Flambé with Macallan 12 year (WITH CAUTION) and reduce until it becomes a glaze
- 6. Add Pork Stock and Pork Belly, then reduce
- 7. Cook the Pork Belly in the liquid for about 4 hours or until tender
- 8. Remove Pork Belly, press, and cool.
- 9. Once cooled, portion into 3.5 oz squares
- 10. Pass stock through sieve to remove excess aromatics and mirepoix

Pork Belly Dried Fruit Jus

1 batch of remaining pork belly stock

1/4 lb Dried Apricots

Cranberries

Figs

Papaya

2 tbsp Sherry Vinegar

- 1. Utilizing the remainder of the stock, add dried fruits and sherry vinegar
- 2. Reduce on low heat until sauce has consistency
- 3. Adjust seasoning with salt
- 4. Serve the braised pork belly with roasted potatoes
- 5. Bon appétit!

Perfect Pairing

Montage Beverly Hills' Executive Chef recommends pairing this dish with a glass of Macallan 12 year over ice.