

Paired with Alessandro Reserve Shiraz

stone ground white polenta

## DIRECTIONS

- Marinate the venison with half of the wine, star anises, juniper, cloves and garlic for at least 12 hours in the fridge.
- Strain the meat and dry it with a cloth. In the
  meantime, thinly slice onions, carrots, celery, leek
  and sear on low heat with olive oil in a large pot for 10
  minutes. Add the meat and sear for 5 minutes
  medium heat, season with salt and pepper, add
  remaining wine and finely chopped herbs.
- Let the alcohol part evaporate, top up with beef stock and let it cook, covered, for at least 3 hours on low heat.
- For the polenta, fill a pot with the water, salt, black pepper and olive oil, bring to boil.
- Add polenta and whisk to avoid clots, cover with a lid and cook on low heat for 35/40 minutes.
- When the polenta is cooked, remove from the stove, add the butter, let it set for 3 minutes and stir until creamy.
- Plate up polenta then add the stew on top. Serves 4



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## SPEZZATINO DI CERVO

Slow cooked venison stew with creamy stone ground white polenta

## INGREDIENTS

For the venison stew:

- 2kg venison shoulder diced
- 3 White onions.
- 4 Carrots
- 2 Celery cos
- 1 Leek
- 1lt Red wine
- 5 Rosemary stalks
- 3 Sage leaves
- 3 Thyme stalks 3 Garlic cloves
- 2 Star anise
- 3 Juniper berries
- 3 Cloves

- Salt, black pepper
- Extra virgin olive oil
- 500ml Beef stock
  For the creamy polenta:
- 1lt water
- 200gr White stone ground polenta or yellow polenta
   20gr Salt
- Pinch of black pepper
- 100gr Butter
- 10gr Extra virgin olive oil

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