

NEW EPISODES MONDAYS AT NOON EST

"Admiral's Faves" Lamb with Blueberry Wine Sauce

Fresh Thyme
Dried Juniper Berries
Olive Oil
Lamb Loin
Shallots
Garlic
Red Wine
Fresh Blueberries
Butter

Bash up the thyme and juniper berries in a pestle and mortar (or use the end of a rolling pin and a metal bowl) with a really good pinch of salt and pepper. Loosen with 2 good lugs of olive oil. Pat the lamb dry with paper towel, and rub the oil mixture all over it. Sear the meat in a hot pan on all sides - roughly 6 minutes for medium rare or 7-8 minutes for medium. Remove it from the pan when it's cooked to your liking and lay it on a plate for 4 minutes covered with tinfoil.

Reduce the heat under the pan and add a good lug of oil. Add the shallots and garlic and fry gently for about 3 minutes until translucent and tender. Turn up the heat again, add the wine and let it reduce by half. Add the blueberries and simmer slowly for 4 minutes. Then, remove the pan from the heat, add the butter, and jiggle and shake the pan so the sauce goes slightly opaque and shiny. Season to taste.

Slice the lamb into 3/4 inch slices and serve with steamed purple sprouting broccoli or some other good greens. Add the meat's resting juices to the sauce and spoon over the lamb.

Searing creates a crusty surface texture and caramelized sugars that enhance the meat's flavor.