Best Damn Chili Recipe

Ingredients

- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 yellow onion, chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- 1 Anaheim chili pepper, chopped
- 2 red jalapeno pepper, chopped
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 pounds lean ground beef (moose or elk are also great substitutes)
- 1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
- 1 pinch garlic powder, or to taste
- 2 beef bouillon cubes
- 1 (12 fluid ounce) can or bottle light beer (such as Coors®)
- 1 (28 ounce) can tomato juice
- 1 (14.5 ounce) can fire-roasted diced tomatoes
- 1/2 cup white wine
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 2 tablespoons ground cumin
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon chipotle pepper sauce
- 2 1/2 teaspoons dried basil
- 1 1/2 teaspoons smoked paprika
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 (16 ounce) cans dark red kidney beans (such as Bush's®)
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro

Heat oil in a large pot over medium heat; cook and stir onion, bell pepper, Anaheim pepper, jalapeno peppers, and garlic in the hot oil until softened.

Meanwhile, heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Cook and stir beef in the hot skillet until browned and crumbly, 5 to 7 minutes; add Worcestershire sauce and garlic powder. Crumble bouillon cubes over beef and add beer. Continue to cook, scraping any browned bits from the bottom of the skillet, until liquid is hot, about 3 minutes. Stir beef mixture into pepper mixture.

In a large pot, tomato juice, diced tomatoes, beef/pepper mix from your skillet, and wine to the beef mixture. Season with chili powder, cumin, brown sugar, pepper sauce, basil, paprika, salt, oregano, cilantro, and black pepper. Bring to a boil and reduce heat to medium-low. Cover and simmer until meat and vegetables are very tender and flavors have developed in the chili, about 90 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Mix kidney beans into beef and vegetables. Continue to simmer until beans are hot, about 30 minutes more. Serve Hot.

