Stuffed Chard with Fresh Marinara

Reminiscent of the stuffed cabbage of yore, the mild flavor of chard makes these beef-stuffed rolls perfect for the whole family. Make It a Meal: A side of whole-wheat spaghetti to soak up the sauce plus a glass of Syrah.

Servings: 4 servings, 2 rolls each

Prep: 35 mins Total: 40 mins



INGREDIENTS

1 pound 90%-lean ground beef

1/2 cup plain dry breadcrumbs

2 medium shallots, minced, divided

1 1/2 teaspoons Italian seasoning, divided

1 teaspoon garlic powder

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper, divided

8 large Swiss chard leaves, stems removed (see Tip)

1 14-ounce can reduced-sodium chicken broth

1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil

1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper

1 28-ounce can crushed tomatoes

1/2 cup freshly shredded Parmesan cheese, (optional)

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Gently mix beef, breadcrumbs, 1 tablespoon shallot, 1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning, garlic powder and 1/4 teaspoon pepper in a large bowl until just combined. Divide the mixture into 8 oblong 3-inch portions.
- 2. Overlap the two sides of a chard leaf where the stem was removed and place a portion of beef there. Tightly roll the chard around the beef. Place each roll, seam-side down, in a large nonstick skillet. Pour in broth, cover and bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to a simmer; cook until an instant-read thermometer inserted into the center of a roll reads 165 degrees F, 8 to 10 minutes. Discard any remaining broth.
- **3.** Meanwhile, heat oil in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Add the remaining shallot, 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning, 1/4 teaspoon pepper and crushed red pepper. Cook, stirring often, until the shallot is soft, 1 to 2 minutes. Stir in tomatoes and cook, stirring occasionally, until slightly reduced and thickened, about 8 minutes. Serve the chard rolls topped with sauce and Parmesan cheese, if desired.

Tip: Remove chard stems, including the widest section of the rib at the base of the leaf, by making narrow triangular cuts

MAKE AHEAD TIP: Cover and refrigerate the chard rolls in the sauce; reheat in a covered baking dish at 350 degrees F for about 10 minutes.

NUTRITION FACTS

Calories 388, Total Fat 16 g, Saturated Fat 5 g, Monounsaturated Fat 7 g, Cholesterol 43 mg, Sodium 720 mg, Carbohydrate 32 g, Fiber 6 g, Protein 32 g