THE FAMILY MEATBALLS.

My daughter said I should keep them a family secret but sharing is way more fun. Proceed with caution, they will ruin your restaurant experience. No lie.

Ingredients

I lb ground beef

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2 Tbs @laconiko olive oil

I tsp salt

I/4 tsp crushed red pepper

I/2 tsp black pepper

3/4 tsp oregano

I/3 cup grated parmesan cheese

I/4 cup fresh parsley chopped

I/4 cup ricotta

2 cloves garlic minced

2 eggs

3/4 cup Italian bread crumbs

I/2 cup diced onion

Instructions

Preheat oven to 375F.

Combine all ingredients and roll into balls.

Bake for 12-15 mins.

You can throw in sauce or freeze.

SPAGHETTI SAUCE

The family sauce that started it all. This makes enough for two meals, I usually double and save extra in the freezer for pizza, cream sauce, and chicken Parmesan.

Ingredients

1/3 cup EVOO

I medium onion diced

5 cloves garlic minced

I tsp salt

I tsp pepper

I tsp oregano

I/2 tsp crushed red pepper

Handful basil chopped

I/2 tsp dried fennel seeds chopped

I/3 cup red or white wine

2 I4 oz cans diced tomato

3 28 oz cans crushed tomato

I cup beef broth

Instructions

Sauté onions and garlic in EVOO, add spices and sauté for 3 more minutes. Add wine and cook until reduced by I/2, about 5 minutes.

Add diced tomatoes and sauté for 5-10 mins until reduced. Add rest of tomatoes and brith. Cook for I hr on stovetop. Add baked (or fried) meatballs and place in 275° F convection oven for 2 hours.