

## Classic Beef Wellington

This recipe will show your friends and family you have some serious skills in the kitchen. Beef Tenderloin is baked in puff pastry with mushrooms and shallots for a dish that will surely be remembered.

## Recipe time: 1 Hour 30 Minutes Makes 4 servings

- 1 center cut beef Tenderloin Roast, (about 2 pounds)
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper, divided
- 8 ounces mushrooms (\*Do ahead of time—wash and dry)
- 1 large shallot
- 2 tablespoons dry red wine
- 2 tablespoons Dijon-style mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
- Flour
- 1 sheet frozen puff pastry (1/2 package), thawed
  (\*Do ahead of time—Thaw at room temperature, remove pastry sheet from the box and outer wrapping about 30 minutes before class.)
- 1. Preheat oven to 425°F.
- 2. Heat 1/2 teaspoon oil in large nonstick skillet on medium-high heat until hot. Combine salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Press evenly onto all surfaces of beef roast. Place roast in skillet; brown evenly. Remove roast from skillet.
- 3. Place mushrooms and shallot into food processor; pulse on and off about 10 times until finely chopped. Do not overprocess. **OR**, you can skip the food processor and finely chop by hand.



- 4. Heat 1/2 teaspoon oil in same skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add mushrooms and shallot; cook 4 to 6 minutes until tender and all liquid is evaporated, stirring often. Add wine; cook 2 to 3 minutes until all liquid is evaporated. Stir in mustard, thyme, remaining 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Cook 2 to 3 minutes. Remove from skillet to medium bowl; cool. Put bowl in freezer to quick cool.
- 5. Line rimmed baking sheet with aluminum foil and place in pre-heated oven.
- 6. Unfold pastry dough on a lightly floured cutting board. Roll pastry out to 12 by 9-inch rectangle; lay dough with shortest edge toward you. Spread mushroom mixture onto pastry dough, leaving 1/2-inch border around edge of dough. Place roast in center of mushrooms. Fold pastry dough neatly around roast, stretching dough if necessary. Cut off excess pastry dough; press to seal overlapping edges. Remove baking sheet from oven and dust lightly with flour. Place pastry-wrapped roast, seam-side down, on baking sheet. Cut 4 (2-inch) vents in top of pastry. Insert oven-safe meat thermometer into center of roast.

Cook's Tip: Use any excess dough to decorate Wellington.

- 7. Bake in 425°F oven 35 to 50 minutes or until golden brown and thermometer registers 135°F for medium rare; 150°F for medium.
- 8. **OPTIONAL** Make potatoes and/or a vegetable for sides when the Wellington is in the oven.
- 9. Transfer Beef Wellington to carving board. Let stand 10 minutes. (Temperature will continue to rise about 10°F to reach 145°F for medium rare; 160°F for medium.) Carve into slices. and serve with your favorite vegetables.

Nutrition information per serving: 386 Calories; 153 Calories from fat; 17g Total Fat (6 g Saturated Fat; 8 g Monounsaturated Fat;) 119 mg Cholesterol; 584 mg Sodium; 9 g Total Carbohydrate; 1.2 g Dietary Fiber; 42 g Protein; 5.4 mg Iron; 10.4 mg NE Niacin; 1.1 mg Vitamin  $B_6$ ; 5.8 mcg Vitamin  $B_{12}$ ; 6.3 mg Zinc; 43.6 mcg Selenium; 103.1 mg Choline.

This recipe is an excellent source of Protein, Iron, Niacin, Vitamin B6, Vitamin B12, Zinc, and Selenium; and a good source of Choline.