

serving size: 8 | prep time: 10 minutes | cook time: 2 hours 25 minutes | cut: loin | method: roast

pork rib roast with bacon-bourbon sauce

Update your old-fashioned pork roast by adding a decadent bacon-bourbon sauce. The alcohol addition creates a perfect level of smokiness for this oven-roasted meal.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 Chairman's Reserve® pork center loin roast, chine bone removed (6 ribs, about 4½ pounds)
- 1 garlic clove, cut into 12 slivers
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 11/2 teaspoons coarse (kosher) salt
- ³/₄ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped sage

SAUCE:

- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup bourbon
- 1¾ cups canned reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon stone-ground Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon light brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 2 strips crisp-cooked bacon, coarsely chopped

DIRECTIONS:

- 1. Preheat oven to 325°F.
- Using tip of a sharp thin knife, poke 12 slits, each about 1" deep, all over pork and insert a garlic sliver in each. Rub roast with oil and season all over with salt and pepper. Sprinkle sage over top of roast.
- 3. Place roast, fat side up, on meat rack in shallow roasting pan. Do not add water or cover. Roast for 1¾ to 2 hours or until the internal temperature reaches 145°F on an instant-read thermometer. Remove from oven and transfer to a serving platter. Let stand for 10 to 15 minutes. (Temperature will rise 5°F to 10°F during this time.)
- 4. Make the sauce: Discard all but 3 tablespoons of fat from pan. Place on stove over medium-low heat. Add flour and whisk until smooth, scraping up browned bits in pan, and let bubble for 1 minute. Increase heat to medium and pour in bourbon. Add broth, mustard, brown sugar and soy sauce and bring to a boil. Return heat to medium-low and simmer, whisking, until smooth and thickened, about 5 minutes. Stir in the bacon.
- 5. Carve roast and serve with the sauce.