

serving size: 4 | prep time: 15 minutes | cook time: 30 minutes | cut: pork chops | method: cast-iron skillet

one skillet pork chops and apples

Convenience never looked so good — cook and serve this recipe in a single cast-iron skillet to create an impressive presentation for your guests.

INGREDIENTS:

4 thick-cut boneless *Chairman's Reserve*® Pork chops Cool Smoke BBQ Rub

2 tablespoons olive oil

2 Granny Smith apples, cored and cut into thick wedge slices (8 per apple)

½ red onion, sliced 1/4" thick

- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 4 sprigs fresh thyme
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons butter

DIRECTIONS:

- Pat chops dry with a paper towel and liberally coat all sides with Cool Smoke BBQ Rub. Let chops sit at room temperature for 15 minutes.
- 2. In a large cast-iron skillet over medium heat, add olive oil and heat until shimmering.
- Add chops to the hot skillet and cook for 7 minutes. Flip and cook on the other side for 7 minutes or until the internal temperature reaches 140°F.
- 4. Remove chops to a plate to rest.
- 5. In the same skillet, increase heat to medium-high. Stir in onions and apples.
- 6. Cook for 4 minutes and add garlic. Continue to cook, stirring, being careful not to burn garlic (reduce heat if necessary).
- 7. Cook for 3 minutes. Add thyme. Cook another 3 minutes. Add apple cider vinegar to deglaze the pan.
- 8. Remove skillet from heat and stir in butter.
- 9. Season to taste with Cool Smoke BBQ Rub. Return pork to skillet.
- 10. Serve pork chops in the skillet with seasoned apples spooned over.