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RACK OF LAMB WITH WARM APPLE AND LENTIL SALAD

Prep Time: 20 mins Cook Time: 25 mins Total Time: 45 mins

Ingredients

- ✤ 2 tablespoon bread crumbs, coarse, dried
- ✤ 1 1/2 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 1 teaspoon rosemary, fresh, chopped, divided
- ✤ 3/4 teaspoon salt, Kosher, divided
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper, black ground, divided
- 1 1/2 pounds lamb, rack of, Frenched and trimmed
- ✤ 3 teaspoon mustard, Dijon, divided
- 2 whole shallot(s), finely chopped
- 1 1/3 cup(s) lentils, cooked, or 15 ounces canned lentils

- 1 medium apple(s), Granny Smith, finely chopped
- 2 stalk(s) celery, with leaves, finely chopped
- ✤ 3/4 cup(s) broth, reduced-sodium chicken, or water
- 2 teaspoon vinegar, sherry, or cider vinegar

Preparation

- 1. Preheat oven to 450°F.
- 2. Mix breadcrumbs, 1/2 teaspoon oil, 1/2 teaspoon rosemary, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/8 teaspoon pepper in a small bowl.
- 3. Heat the remaining 1 teaspoon oil in a large ovenproof skillet over medium-high heat. Add lamb, meat-side down, and sear until browned, about 1 1/2 minutes. Turn it over and spread 2 teaspoons mustard over the meat. Sprinkle the breadcrumb mixture over the mustard. Transfer the lamb to the oven and roast until a thermometer inserted in the center registers 140°F for medium-rare, 15 to 20 minutes. Transfer to a plate and tent with foil to keep warm.
- Return the pan to medium-high heat (be careful: the handle will still be hot). Add shallots, the remaining 1/2 teaspoon rosemary, 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/8 teaspoon pepper and cook, stirring constantly, until starting to soften, about 1 minute.
- 5. Stir in lentils, apple, celery, broth (or water), vinegar and the remaining 1 teaspoon mustard; bring to a lively simmer. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the liquid is slightly reduced and the celery and apple are starting to soften, about 4 minutes. Cut the lamb into 8 chops and serve over the lentils.

