

ITALIAN PORK CHOPS WITH CAPERS AND TOMATOES

A bold Neapolitan puttanesca sauce can liven up more than just spaghetti. Spice up skillet-roasted pork chops for a flavorful holiday meal.

PAIR WITH VIANSA ALTURA COLLECTION ZINFANDEL





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2, 5-6-oz. bone-in pork chops

1 tsp. kosher salt,

black pepper

1 tsp. dried oregano

2 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil, divided

1 red bell pepper, chopped

1 small onion, chopped

2 garlic cloves, smashed

1 Tbsp. tomato paste

3/4 cup red wine

1, 28-oz. can diced tomatoes

1 tbsp. drained capers

4 sprigs fresh oregano*

Baguette

Note: If you can't find fresh oregano you can use 2 tbsp dried oregano instead.

- 1. Pat pork chops dry with paper towels. Season on both sides with salt, pepper and dried oregano.
- 2. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a skillet over medium-high. Cook pork chops, undisturbed, until just starting to brown, about 3 minutes per side. Transfer to a plate.
- 3. Reduce heat to medium and add remaining 1 tablespoon oil to the pan. Cook bell pepper, onion, and garlic, stirring often with a wooden spoon, until onion is softened and golden, about 4 minutes. Add tomato paste and cook, stirring often, until vegetables are coated and paste is darkened slightly, about 1 minute. Add wine, scraping up any browned bits. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer gently until wine is reduced by a little more than half, about 5 minutes.
- 4. Mix in diced tomatoes, capers, fresh oregano (or sub dried), and remaining 1 teaspoon kosher salt and cook, stirring occasionally to prevent sticking, until sauce is slightly thickened, 18–22 minutes.
- 5. Nestle pork chops into sauce and add any juices that have collected on the plate. Spoon a bit of sauce over pork and simmer gently until meat is cooked through, about 6–8 minutes.
- 6. Divide chops and sauce between plates. Top with oregano and serve with bread.

Serves 4 • Pair with Altura Collection Zinfandel Cook Time 45 Minutes

