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INGREDIENTS

1 lb. ground beef
1 lb. ground pork or Italian sausage

sweet onion
clove garlic
tbsp tomato paste
celery hearts
heirloom carrots

3-4 bell peppers (color variety)
small crate sweet cherry or grape

tomatoes
Fresh herb blend
box unsalted vegetable stock

SERVINGS: 6-8

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Brown meat in a large soup pot with a tbsp of olive oil, salt, and pepper.
- 2. Use a slotted spoon to take meat from the pot and reserve.
- 3. Add onion, finely minced garlic, and chopped celery, carrot, and peppers. Sauté.
- 4. Add sliced tomatoes and fresh herbs. Sauté.
- 5. Return the meat to the pot along with tomato paste and sauté.
- 6. Pour in box of vegetable stock. Add water to reach desired level. Bring to boil then drop heat and simmer.
- 7. To serve: ladle finished soup in a bowl and top with a scoop of cooked wild or white rice. Top with minced herbs (cilantro, parsley, arugula, serrano peppers, lemon zest and juice, salt, and pepper).