

CS Roast Boneless Leg of Lamb with

Garlic, Herb and Bread-Crumb Crust

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Ingredients - Bread-Crumb Crust:

1 slice hearty Sourdough Bread

1/4 c Extra-Virgin Olive Oil, divided

¼ c finely chopped fresh Parsley

Fresh Mint to taste

3 T finely chopped fresh Rosemary

3 T finely chopped fresh Thyme

3 Garlic cloves, peeled

Ingredients - Lamb:

½ c Parmesan Cheese, grated

4 lbs Boneless Half Leg of Lamb, trimmed and pounded to 34" thick

1 T Celtic Sea Salt, divided

1 t fresh ground Tellicherry Black Pepper, divided

1 T Dijon mustard

Directions:

Adjust oven rack to lower-middle position and heat oven to 375° F.

Pulse bread in food processor until coarsely ground, about 10 pulses (you should have about 1 cup crumbs). Transfer to bowl and set aside. Process 1 teaspoon oil, parsley, mint, rosemary, thyme, and garlic in now-empty processor until minced, scraping down sides of bowl as needed, about 1 minute. Transfer $2\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoons herb mixture to bowl and reserve. Scrape remaining mixture into bowl of bread crumbs; stir in Parmesan and 1 tablespoon oil and set aside.

Lay roast on cutting board with rough interior side facing up. Remove excess fat and pound to about $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick. Rub with 2 teaspoons oil, and sprinkle with $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons salt and $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon pepper. Spread reserved herb mixture evenly over lamb, leaving 1" border around edge. Roll roast and tie with kitchen twine at $\frac{1}{2}$ " intervals. Let marinade to 2 hours or more. Sprinkle roast with remaining $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons salt and remaining $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon pepper, then rub with 1 tablespoon oil.

Set wire rack in rimmed baking sheet. Heat remaining 1 tablespoon oil in 12" skillet over medium-high heat until just smoking. Brown roast well on all sides, about 10 minutes. Transfer to prepared rack and roast until lamb registers 105 to 110° F, 30 to 35 minutes. Transfer roast to carving board; remove twine. Brush roast exterior with mustard, then carefully press bread-crumb mixture onto top and sides of roast with your hands, pressing firmly to form solid, even coating that adheres to roast. Return coated roast to prepared rack; roast until lamb registers 125° F (for medium-rare), 10 to 15 minutes longer. Transfer roast to carving board and let rest for 20 minutes. Slice roast into ½" thick slices. Serve.