Tagine Barrogog

Lamb Tagine

Tagines, named for the special earthenware dish in which they are prepared, are often the mainstay of a Moroccan meal. In this aromatic version, meltingly tender, rich lamb is complemented by the tart, sweet taste of dried apricots. The complexity of flavors makes for a memorable meal, a feast typical of Moroccan cuisine.

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2 tablespoons vegetable oil

½ teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

½ teaspoon ground turmeric

1½ pounds boneless lamb shoulder, cut into ½-inch chunks

1/2 cup finely chopped onions

In a Dutch oven, heat the oil over medium heat. Add the salt, pepper, and turmeric, and cook 2 minutes. Add the meat and cook, turning occasionally, 7 minutes, or until lightly browned on all sides. Stir in the onion and garlic, reduce the heat to low, and cook, covered,

2 garlic cloves, finely chopped

3/4 teaspoon ground cumin

½ teaspoon sweet paprika

1/8 teaspoon ground allspice

3/4 cup water

1/2 cup dried apricots, soaked 10 minutes in hot water to cover & drained

10 minutes. Stir in the cumin, paprika, all-spice, and water. Heat to boiling, reduce the heat, and simmer, covered, 1 hour and 10 minutes. Add the apricots and cook 30 minutes, or until the meat is tender. Serves 4.