

TEXAS RED BEEF CHILI WITH LAGER BEER

4 lbs boneless beef chuck roast, cut into 1/2-inch chunks

2 tsp cumin powder

2 tbs Spanish smoked paprika

3 tsp dried oregano

1/4 cup pure ancho chile powder Salt and freshly ground pepper

3 tbs olive oil

1 large yellow onion, chopped

1 jalapeño chile, seeded and minced

1 large red bell pepper, seeded and chopped

4 cloves garlic, minced

1 cup lager beer

1 1/2 cup beef broth



- Turn all knobs to "OFF" then turn on the gas supply. Depress the igniter button
 for the burners and immediately push and turn the burner control knob counterclockwise to the "HI" position and wait for the burners to light. Light both burners.
- In a large, heavy cast-iron pot, heat 2 tablespoons of the oil.
- Season the beef with salt and pepper.
- Working in batches, sear the beef until browned, about 5 minutes. Transfer to a plate.
- Add the remaining 1 tablespoon oil to the pot.
- Add the onion, jalapeño, bell pepper, and garlic.
- Reduce the heat on both burners to medium.
- Cover and cook, stirring occasionally, until the onion softens, about 5 minutes.
- Mix cumin, chile powder, paprika, and oregano in a bowl.
- Add the spice mixture to the chili, and stir well for 30 seconds.
- Stir in the beer and broth.
- Return the beef to the pot, cover, and reduce the heat to low.
- Simmer until the beef is fork-tender, 1 1/2 to 2 hours.
- Remove the chili from the heat and let stand for 5 minutes.
- Skim any fat from the surface.
- Bring the chili to a simmer over medium heat.
- · Season with salt and pepper.
- Spoon the chili into bowls and serve, garnished with cheese and sour cream, if you like.