Slow Cooker Beef Chili

Servings: 6

Amount	Measure	Ingredient - Preparation Method
2		guajilo chiles
1		dried ancho pepper
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3	cups	chicken broth
2	tablespoons	olive oil
1	pound	boneless beef chuck - 1/2" cubes
1/2	pound	boneless beef short ribs - 1/2" cubes
1/2	pound	brisket - 1/2" cubes
		kosher salt
		freshly ground black pepper
2		yellow onion – finely chopped
6	cloves	garlic - finely chopped
1	tablespoon	ground cumin
2	teaspoons	dried oregano
1		chipotle chile canned in adobo – finely chopped
12	ounces	lager
		sour cream, shredded cheese, chopped red onion, cilantro for garnish

Toast chiles in a medium, dry skillet over med-high heat, turning occasionally and pressing down until darkened and beginning to soften, about 3 minutes. Transfer to a heatproof bowl and cover with 2 cups boiling water; let sit 30 minutes. Drain; discard seeds and stems. Puree chiles and broth in a blender until smooth, about 1 minute and set aside.

Heat 1 tbspn oil in a large, heavy pot over med-high heat. Season chuck, ribs and brisket with salt and pepper. Cook until browned all over, about 5 minutes. Cook until liquid had evaporated, 8-10 minutes more. Transfer beef to a plate.

Heat 1 tbspn oil in same pot, then add onins and garlic; season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring often, until onions are softened, 6-8 minutes. Scrape up brown bits. Add cumin, oregano and chipotle and cook, stirring constantly, 1 minute.

Transfer to a 4-6 quart slow cooker. Add lager, beef, chile puree, season with salt and pepper, and stir to combine. Cover and cook until meat is very tender, 7-8 hours on low of 4-5 hours on high. If too thin, simmer.

Taste and season. Serve with garnish.