Szechuan Beef Noodle Soup



Ingredients:

- 8 ounces thin Thai rice noodles
- 8 cups beef broth
- 2-pound boneless chuck roast, trimmed and thinly sliced
- 4 cloves garlic, finely minced
- 2 large carrots, peeled and thinly sliced into rounds
- 1 large white onion, finely chopped
- 1 head baby bok choy, thinly sliced
- 1 pkg baby Portobello mushrooms, cleaned and thinly sliced
- 1 can fire roasted diced tomatoes
- 1/2 cup red chile paste
- 1/2 cup green onions, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup cilantro leaves, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup dark brown sugar
- 4 tablespoons coarse black pepper
- 2 tablespoons kosher salt
- 2 tablespoons fresh ginger, peeled and finely minced
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce

Directions:

- 1) Preheat your oven to broil, and lay the sliced beef onto a foil-lined baking sheet.
- 2) Season the beef with the salt and half of the pepper and place the baking sheet under the broiler for 4 to 6 minutes until the meat is browned. Turn the meat over and broil an additional 2-3 minutes. Remove the pan from the oven and transfer the meat to a bowl.
- 3) Spread the sliced mushrooms onto the foil-lined baking sheet and place the sheet in the oven, broiling the mushrooms for 4 to 6 minutes until browned. Remove the pan from the oven and set aside.
- 4) In a deep soup pot, heat the olive oil over medium-high heat until shimmering. Add the garlic, onion, ginger, and carrots to the pot, and cook 6 to 8 minutes until the vegetables start to soften.
- 5) Stir in the tomatoes, soy sauce, chile paste, brown sugar, and remaining black pepper, and cook for 1 minute.
- 6) Add the beef broth, beef, and mushrooms to the pot and bring the soup to a boil.
- 7) Cover the pot with a lid and reduce the heat to medium. Cook for 15 to 20 minutes until the meat is tender.
- 8) While the soup cooks, prepare the noodles according to package directions, rinse with cold water and drain.
- 9) Add the noodles, bok choy, and cilantro to the pot and stir well.
- 10) Serve the soup in deep soup bowls topped with sliced green onions.