

RECIPE



Chicken with Piquillos

Contributed by Mario Batali

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TOTAL TIME: 2 HRS 15 MIN

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Pilar Sanchez, an elderly home cook who lives in Asturias, taught Mario Batali and Mark Bittman how to make *pollo casero*, a luscious chicken in rich white wine and pepper sauce. When they asked where she buys her poultry, Sanchez told them to go to her yard and listen for the "singing in the field" from the chickens she raises.

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MAKE-AHEAD STAFF-FAVORITE

INGREDIENTS

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One 3 1/2-pound chicken, cut into 8 pieces

2 garlic cloves, sliced

Kosher salt

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

1 large onion, coarsely chopped

One 9-ounce jar piquillo peppers, drained

1 cup dry white wine

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Rub the chicken with the garlic and 1 tablespoon of kosher salt. Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour.
- 2. Heat the olive oil in a large, deep skillet. Scrape the garlic off of the chicken pieces. Add the chicken to the skillet in a single layer and cook over moderately high heat, turning occasionally, until browned all over, about 12 minutes. Transfer the chicken to a platter.
- Add the onion to the skillet and cook over low heat, stirring occasionally, until very tender, about 10 minutes.
 Add the piquillo peppers and white wine and bring to a simmer, scraping up any browned bits.
- 4. Return the chicken and any accumulated juices to the skillet. Cover

partially and cook over low heat until the chicken is tender and cooked through and the sauce is thickened, about 30 minutes. Transfer the chicken to a platter, spoon the sauce on top and serve.

MAKE AHEAD

The chicken can be refrigerated overnight; rewarm before serving.

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