

Paula's Cherry Balsamic Pork Tenderloin

Grill or roast this juicy pork tenderloin to perfection. Coated in a sweet n' tangy cherry balsamic marinade, which doubles as a delicious sauce!

Ingredients

- $> 1\frac{1}{2}$ cups fresh, or frozen and thawed cherries, halved and pitted
- > ½ cup balsamic vinegar
- $> \frac{1}{4}$ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- > 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- > 1 tablespoon honey
- > 2 teaspoons fresh thyme, plus a few sprigs for garnish
- > 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- $> \frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon black pepper
- > 2 garlic cloves, peeled
- > 2 pork tenderloins, about 1 pound each

Instructions:

- Combine the first 9 ingredients in a high-powered blender or food processor.
 Blend mixture until smooth and pureed, about 45 seconds.
- ightharpoonup Makes about 1 $lap{4}$ cups. Reserve $lap{4}$ cup of marinade to pass separately when serving.
- > Trim pork tenderloins of any excess fat or silver skin. Place pork in a resealable plastic bag.
- > Pour remaining marinade over the tenderloins. Seal bag and make sure all the meat is coated.
- ➤ Marinate at least 30 minutes at room temperature or chill up to 24 hours.

 Remove pork from the refrigerator 30-45 minutes before grilling or roasting.
- > Prepare grill* on medium-high heat.



- > Remove the tenderloins from the bag and place in the center of the grill. Discard the bag with marinade.
- ➤ Cover and cook for 12-15 minutes, turning every 4-5 minutes, until the tenderloin reaches an internal temperature of 140-145 degrees F using an instant-read thermometer.
- > Let pork rest 10 minutes before slicing. Serve with reserved marinade. Enjoy!

Notes:

> *You can also roast the tenderloins on a large, rimmed baking sheet in a 400-degree F oven for about 30 minutes.