

## Pair zinfandel with lamb

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The following recipe was created by chef Matt Pinsonneult of Sierra Novada Tap Room and Restaurant in Chico, Calif., to specifically accompany Amador Foothill Winery Zinfande GRILLED LAMB LOIN WITH

ZINFANDEL SAGE MOREL

SAUCE

2 tablespoons alive oil

Coat the 8-oz. lamb lain with alive oil, herbs and garlic.' Marinate for 2 hours at room temperature. Grill lamb to your liking.

Sauce: 2 oz. fresh morel, sliced thin (shitake or oyster mush-rooms may be substituted) 1 cup Amedor Foothill Zinfan-

1 teaspoon fresh sage, minced

1/2 teaspoon fresh rosemary,

minced 1 teaspoon black pepper 2 tablespoons sweet butter

In a small saucepan, combine mushrooms, zinfandel, sage, rose-mary and black pepper. Cook over medium heat, reducing volume by 1/3. Add butter and simmer until sauce thickens, stirring constantly. Slice grilled lamb thinly and serve over a bed of the sauce. Accompany with roasted new potatoes, fresh seasonal vegetable and of course Amador Foothill Zinfandel.

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"The artist is R.C. Gorman of Arizona. It will retail for \$20, and \$15 will go to Make-A-Wish. We'll also have T-shirts for sale, and anyone who wants to can make a donation to Make-A-Wish.
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Wish. The chill is submitted for judging, you can buy samples for 25 cents a taste. Local restantant, including Plymouth Landing and Station 885, will be making chill and selling it for \$2 a bowl. Western barbecue dinners, but dogs and other foods will also be offered for sale. Chili cook-offs always benefit a charity, and that's one reason why people who like to make chili, compete. It's not cheap. It costs \$60 to \$100 to make a pot of chill for competition. International Chili Society rules don't allow beams, pasta or other fillers.

"My first experience was in 1983 when I went with a group of friends to a chili cook-off in 1983 when I went with a group of friends to a chili cook-off in Saline," said Horn. "Everyone was having way too much fun, and I wanted to be a part of it. I thought, I can make chili."

Annette and Ken competed in the cook-off two years later. I was trying to think of a name for our chili, something with a theme. First I thought hot lips, then I changed my mind to fireworks — like the Fourth of July, an explosion of flavor. Out of 80 cooks we placed cighth; our goals and. "In 1987 we placed first and." In 1987 we placed first and qualified for the World

Championship Cook-off. That was it, we were hooked."
Ken competed in the 18th Annual Michigan Chili Cook-off Sept. 8 at Five Lakes Grill in Millord, while Anneite minded the gallery. "It was fall festival weekend," she said. Marilyn and Ray Frederick of Farmington Hills also share the Horns' passion for chili competed in the World Championship Cook-off Oct. 4-6 in Reno, Nevada.

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Marilyn won the Wyandotte-cook-off to qualify for the semi-finals on Oct. 5. Ray won the Michigan Chili Cook-off to qualify for the finals, Oct. 6 and S26,000 first prize. Marilyn was one of 100 cooks competing in the semi-finals. If she placed in the top 20, she qualified for the finals.

This year Marilyn and Ray competed in cook-offs in Michigan, Ohio and Illinois. They will be competing against each other at the Plymouth cook-off.

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Lots of husbands and wives compete against each other in chill cook-offs.

"I think my chill is better than his," said Annette. "He thinks his is better than mine. I give him my suggestions, and we rely on each other's eanses. My taste, his smell. When I liked how the chill tasted, and he liked how it smelled, we knew we had a win-ner."

"He cooks an extremely different recipe from mine," said Marilyn Frederick about her husband

Ray's chili. "He makes a real smooth Western-style chili. Mine is more Midwestern; it's hotter and sweeter."

What is the secret to good chili? "Buryone thinks their chili is the best chili, and I won't dispute this," said Annette. "The recipe develops over time. The chili we made in 1987 isn't the same chili we make today. Seasoned chili cooks use pure ingradients; they make their own spice blends. They use the best quality meat."

Frederick agreed - "Try to make it as simple as possible. Some people use too many different seasonings - Worcestershire Sauce and soy sauce. Chili is monthly to to the sauce, and soy sauce. Chili is monthly and the sauce, green milds.

ent seasonings — Worcestershire Sauce and soy sauce. Chili is meat, tomato sauco, green chilies, and a combination of garlie powder, onion powder and other spices.

Sponsors for Plymouth's Great Chili Cook.off are The Observer Newspapers, NBD Bank, Young Country 99.5 FM Detroit, Blackwell Ford, Kroger, McMahon's Side Street Pub of Plymouth and Gournet Jose Authentic Salsa of Onsted, Michigan.

To compete in the Salsa content at Plymouth's Great Chili Cook.off, bring 1 pint of your salsa for judging at 3 p.m. to the Masonic Temple, next to the Gathering in downtown Plymouth, You must be at least 18 years old to enter the contest. The entry fee is \$10. There are no rules as to ingredients or preparation Call (313) 455-8838 for details.

