Salami Crespone

This salami is much softer than most American are used to eating .. even after two months of aging!

U.S.	Ingredient	Metric	Percent
3¾ lb.	Fresh pork	1700.0 g	
1¼ lb.	Pork belly	550.0 g	32.00
5 tsp.	Salt	37.0 g	2.20
½ cup	Non-Fat Dry Milk	35.0 g	2.00
1½ tsp.	Garlic, granulated	7.0 g	0.40
3⁄4 tsp.	Cure #2	4.2 g	0.25
2 tsp.	Pepper, black, ground	3.4 g	0.20
1½ tsp.	Coriander, ground	2.4 g	0.15
1½ tsp.	Ginger, ground	2.4 g	0.15
1 tsp.	Nutmeg, ground	2.2 g	0.13
½ tsp.	Clove, ground	1.3 g	0.08
3∕4 tsp.	Mace, ground	1.1 g	0.06
¹⁄₄ tsp.	Cinnamon, ground	0.7 g	0.04
½ tsp.	T-SPX Starter	0.7 g	0.04
4 Tbs.	Wine, semi-dry	50.0 ml	3.00
Prepared casings (see note)			
51/4 lb.	← Totals →	2.4 Kg	



Use metric weight & volume measurement for better control of ingredients. The U.S. measurements are simply an approximation of the metric measurements!

Note: Use pork middle casings for traditional look; Pork middles are notorious for their odor. To remove the odor, prepare the casings at least 5-6 weeks in advance! Traditionally tied into a cylinder with 8 segments with string and having a diameter of 6-7 centimeters [2¾ inches] and length of 30-40 cm [12-15 inches]; the weight varies between 800-1000 grams [2-2¼ lb.]. You can substitute beef middles, if you wish. The Starter culture is Bactoferm T-SPX [*Pediococcus pentosaceus & Staphylococcus xylosus*]

Method:

- 1. Cut the meats by hand at temperature of 6-10 °C [42-50 °F] into chunks that fit the grinder.
- 2. Store the pieces of meat thus prepared under refrigeration at 0 °C [32°F] for 4 hours.
- 3. Transfer the meats to the grinder and grind the meat and the belly with a medium plate [6 mm]
- 4. Add of the spices and remaining ingredients to the meat paste and mix for 3-5 minutes.
- 5. Dissolve the starter culture in \(\frac{1}{4} \) cup cold, pure water; add to the paste and mix well.
- 6. Transfer the mixed paste to a stuffer.
- 7. Prepare casings by soaking in ½ vinegar-½ water to remove the odor of the pork middles; a little lemon juice added to the water/vinegar solution is OK. [see above note]
- 8. Rinse the casings with fresh water and stuff the paste into casings.
- 9. Fasten the casings with string and perforate the surface of the casing in order to facilitate drying.
- 10. Incubate at 30°C [86°F] for 24 hours in atmosphere without humidity control.
- 11. Hold in controlled atmosphere 75% R/H and 21°C [70 °F] for 6 days.
- 12. Transfer to an aging room of 14°C [57°F] with relative humidity 75% for 55 days.

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