

Beer-Braised Beef Brisket

Prep: 15 minutes

Cook/Roast: 4 hours 40 minutes

Serves: 10

- 1 fresh flat-cut beef brisket (about 6 to 7 pounds)
- 1 package (2 ounces) onion soup mix
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 3 large carrots, each cut into 3-inch pieces
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 large tomatoes, each cut into 1-inch wedges
- 1½ large yellow onions, cut into 1-inch wedges
- ½ teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 2 bottles (12 ounces each) beer
- 2 tablespoons margarine or salted butter

- **1.** Preheat oven to 300°F. Cut brisket in half crosswise if necessary to fit into large roasting pan or Dutch oven. Rub brisket with 2 pouches onion soup mix. Heat pan over medium heat until hot. Add oil and heat until hot but not smoking. Add brisket and sear all sides until browned; place brisket, fat side down, in pan.
- **2.** Add carrots, bay leaves, tomatoes, onions and crushed red pepper to pan. Pour beer over brisket. Cover pan tightly with lid or foil. Roast brisket 4 to 5 hours until fork-tender.
- **3.** Remove and discard bay leaves. Remove brisket and vegetables from pan; keep warm. Skim and discard fat from pan drippings. Strain pan drippings into a medium saucepan. Simmer over medium heat 25 minutes. Remove saucepan from heat; add butter and stir until melted. Place brisket on cutting board and slice across the grain. Serve with vegetables and sauce.

Approximate nutritional values per serving: 668 Calories, 36g Fat (12g Saturated), 210mg Cholesterol, 892mg Sodium, 11g Carbohydrates, 2g Fiber, 66g Protein