Chorizo Argentine Dried Sausage

This chorizo is quite different from Mexican-styles in that it does not contain any hot peppers or vinegar

U.S.	Ingredient	Metric	Percent
2½ lb.	Beef round	1135.0 g	47.00
1½ lb.	Pork shoulder	680.0 g	28.20
1 lb.	Pork jowls/belly	454.0 g	18.80
½ cup	Red wine	50.0 g	2.07
5 tsp.	Salt	36.0 g	1.5
3 cloves	Garlic, mashed	15.0 g	0.62
1 Tbs.	Sugar	13.0 g	0.54
5 tsp.	Paprika, sweet	10.0 g	0.41
$4\frac{1}{2}$ tsp.	Black peppercorns	10.0 g	0.41
1 tsp.	Cure #2	6.0 g	0.25
1 tsp.	Cloves, ground	2.1 g	0.09
¾ tsp.	Nutmeg, ground	1.7 g	0.07
½ tsp.	Marjoram, dry	$0.8 \mathrm{~g}$	0.3
	35 mm Hog casings		
51/4 lb.	\leftarrow Totals \rightarrow	2.4 Kg	100%



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

Method:



- 1. Mash the garlic cloves and add them to the wine along with the remaining seasonings and let steep for about an hour.
- 2. Meanwhile, remove all tendons, membranes, and glands from the meat.
- 3. Cut the beef and pork meats into about 1 inch cubes and partially freeze them
- 4. Grind the partially frozen jowl (or belly) through a 3/8" plate (10 mm) once.
- 5. Grind the beef / pork shoulder mixture by passing it through the ½" plate (6.5 mm) twice.
- 6. Mix the seasonings ground jowls, beef and pork together and amalgamate them well.
- 7. Pack the seasoned meat into a stainless or non-reactive pan, cover tightly, and hold for three days under refrigeration to cure.
- 8. Pack the sausage meat into the stuffer and stuff into 35 mm hog casings, tying off into 6-inch links. If necessary, puncture the casings with a pin in order to allow any entrapped air to escape.
- 9. Ferment the links at 75-80°F for 12 hours.
- 10. Apply a light, cold smoke (80-90°F) for up to two hours
- 11. Allow chorizo to dry at 70-75°F for 2 weeks. By that time the sausage should be hard and somewhat wrinkled.
- 12. Hold at 50-55°F with a 60% relative humidity or vacuum pack.

Use in parrillada mixta, Argentine paella, guisado or fried chorizo with scrambled eggs, etc.

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