Mortadella Di Prato – A Tuscan-style Mortadella

U.S.	Ingredient	Metric	Percent
2 lb.	Pork Butt	910.0 g	38.27
2 lb.	Pork Leg	910.0 g	38.27
½ lb.	Pork Belly	225.0 g	9.46
½ lb.	Pork fat	225.0 g	9.46
5 tsp.	Salt	36.0 g	1.51
1 Tbs.	AmesPhos	11.5 g	0.48
1 Tbs.	Garlic, raw	10.0 g	0.42
1 tsp.	Cure#1	6.0 g	0.25
2 tsp.	Pepper, black ground	4.2 g	0.18
2 tsp.	Pepper, black whole	4.2 g	0.18
1½ tsp.	Coriander	3.0 g	0.13
¹∕₂ tsp.	Cinnamon	1.3 g	0.05
2/3 tsp.	Sodium erythorbate	1.3 g	0.05
¼ tsp.	Clove	0.6 g	0.03
2 Tbs.	Alkermes ¹	30.0 ml	1.26



5 ¹/₄ lb. \leftarrow Totals \rightarrow 2.4 Kg

¹Alkermes is difficult to obtain in the USA. <u>Click</u> here for a homemade recipe!

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

Method:

- 1. Cut the fat back into 3/8" cubes and reserve. Keep it in the refrigerator while you prepare the rest of the formulation. The fat back will be the last thing added to the paste.
- 2. Trim the meats as follows: Cube the meat from the ham and the pork butt; remove all visable fat from the meat. Place meats into the freezer and partially freeze.
- 3. Cut the belly (not smoked bacon) into 2" cube and place in the freezer and partially freeze.
- 4. When meats (not the fat) are partially frozen, grind them twice through a medium plate (3/8" or 10mm); change plate to fine (3/16" or 4.5mm) grind and grind meats two more times.
- 5. Run the garlic clove through a garlic press directly into the meat. Finely chop the garlic pulp that remains in the press and also add that to the meats, mixing it in well.
- 6. Add the remaing dry ingredients to a spice mill and pulverize to a fine dust. Mix this into the meats, making sure the ingredients are well distributed.
- 7. Add the Alkermes and re-mix again until the red color is well amalgamated into the paste.
- 8. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 5 days.
- 9. Next, mix in the cubed fat, and stuff into 4¹/₂ casing.
- 10. Cook in oven or smoker (no smoke) at 130°F (55°C) for 1½ hours; raise temperature to 180°F (82°C) and cook until internal temperature is 160°F (71°C) ... about 30 more minutes.
- 11. Plunge in ice water for 15 minutes; chill in refrigerator at least 6 hours before slicing.

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