Chicken Veloute with Potatoes

Ready in 1 hour Yield: approx 3 quarts.

Tips:

• Use your stock to poach your chicken breast while the vegetables cook.

Ingredients:

- 4 ea Chicken Breast boneless/skinless
- 1 large Onion Medium Dice
- 2 large Carrot Medium Dice
- 2 3 stalks Celery Medium Dice
- 2 3 medium yellow or white Potato Medium Dice
- 2-3 cloves Fresh Garlic sliced or minced
- 2 quarts White Chicken Stock
- Fresh Thyme, Oregano, Sage, or Rosemary chopped
- 1 bayleaf
- 3 Tbls cornstarch
- 3 4 Tblc Olive oil
- Salt and Black Pepper To Taste

Preparation:

- 1. **Poach the Chicken Breast** Place into cold liquid over medium heat. Bring to a simmer and poach until internal temp reaches 165° remove and set aside.
- 2. **Sweat the Vegetable** In a heavy bottomed pot, heat olive oil until it shimmers. Add onion, celery and carrot and sweat until carrot begins to soften (7 10 minutes). Add garlic and bayleaf and cook one minute.
- 3. Add Liquid and Potatoes Add potatoes to the pot and cover with chicken stock. Bring to a high simmer and cook until potatoes are just cooked through and done.
- 4. **Add Chicken -** While vegetables are simmering, dice the chicken breast into bite sized pieces. Once potatoes are cooked through, add the chicken to the pot.
- 5. **Thicken the soup** Place cornstarch in a bowl and add just enough water to form a thick slurry. Add to soup while stirring and bring up to a low boil. The soup should just thicken enough to coat a spoon. Reduce to a simmer and cook 10 minutes.
- 6. Finish and Serve Season soup to taste with salt and pepper and finish with fresh herbs.