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Dawood Basha by Chef Hassan Al Naami



## Ingredients

5 Cups Minced Beef 1/2 Cup Onion (finely chopped) 4 Tbsp Ghee 3 Cups Onion (diced) 2 Tbsp Garlic 2 and 1/2 Cups Peeled Tomato 3 Tbsp Tomato Paste 1Tbsp Cinnamon Powder 1 Tbsp Coriander Powder 1 Cups Vegetable stock 1 Tbsp Parsley (Chopped) 2 Tbsp Coriander (Chopped) 1/4 cup Pomegranate Syrup 2 Tsp Salt 1Tsp White Pepper 1 Tbsp Pine nuts (for garnish) Arabic flat bread and parsley leaves to garnish Servings 6 Person **Preparation Time** 2 hr 30 min

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- 1 Preheat the oven to 180 degrees Celsius. In a glass bowl, combine the minced beef and the diced onion, half of the cinnamon and coriander powder, and chopped parsley until mixed together. With the mixture, form into small balls.
- 2 Place the meatballs on a tray and roast in the oven for 5 minutes, or until half cooked.
- **3** To make the sauce, place a large pot on medium heat and add ghee, onion, garlic and sauté for 10 minutes until softened.

- 4 Then add the peeled tomato, tomato paste, water, remaining coriander and cinnamon powder and cook until the sauce has reduced a thickened slightly, then season with salt and white pepper.
- 5 Add the meatballs to the sauce, reduce the heat to low and simmer for another 10 minutes. In a hot pan, add little olive oil and sauté the pine nuts until it gets a golden colour.
- 6 To serve, place in a bowl and garnish with chopped parsley, Arabic flat bread and the toasted pine nuts (as desired).

## **Cooks Note**

Chef Hassan Al Naami brings with him a decade worth of experience at The Ritz-Carlton, Dubai, where he has been bringing to life the culinary secrets from his kitchens. As the Executive Sous Chef of the resort, he now oversees the day-day to operations at Amaseena (@amaseena\_dubai), including crafting the menus and guiding his team to prepare exceptional Middle Eastern delights. With a bright smile and his favorite Mandi dish ready to serve, he is often seen striking hearty conversations with our guests.

Bedouin-inspired tents, a star-filled sky and the sounds of live Arabic music create a sense of desert romance at Amaseena. Spark your imagination and palate at this Marina restaurant with a nightly buffet featuring Middle Eastern favorites and themed nights every Wednesday and Thursday. Guests can get acquainted with the aromas and flavours native to this region by enjoying family-style hot and cold mezzeh platters and dessert platter of Arabic sweets served to the table. All complemented by additions including Arabic coffee and Moroccan tea.