Polenta Lasagna

For the polenta:

8 cups vegetable stock2 cups coarsely ground yellow cornmeal

1 Tbsp salt

For the Sauce:

Tbsp extra virgin olive oil 2 1 each yellow onion, diced carrot, diced 1 each 1 each celery stalk, diced 2 cloves garlic, minced ½ tsp dried thyme

dried rosemary

1 each bay leaf

½ lb textured vegetable protein (TVP),

prepared

½ cup dry red wine

3¾ cups tomatoes, diced,

canned

1 pinch salt, to taste

1 pinch pepper, to taste

For the lasagna:

2 cups mozzarella cheese,

part skim, low moisture, grated

½ cup Parmesan cheese,

reduced fat, grated



Procedure

½ tsp

To make the polenta:

- 1 In a large saucepan, bring the chicken stock to a boil. Slowly add the cornmeal in a thin, steady stream while whisking constantly to prevent lumps, then add the salt.
- 2 When the polenta begins to bubble, reduce the heat to low and continue to cook, whisking steadily, until the mixture is thick and pulls away from the pot, 15-20 minutes.
- 3 Oil two 8-inch square baking pans and pour the polenta into them, dividing equally. Use a rubber spatula moistened with water to spread the mixture and flatten it evenly.
- 4 Once it has cooled, place it in the refrigerator until firm, at least one hour. The polenta can be made a day in advance and kept in the fridge covered with plastic wrap.

To make the sauce:

- 1 In the meantime, heat the olive oil in a large Dutch oven or saucepan over medium heat.
- 2 Add the onion, carrot and celery and sauté until tender, about 10 minutes. Add the garlic and cook for another minute.
- 3 Add the textured vegetable protein (TVP) and stir to break up any lumps.
- 4 Add the wine and bring to a rapid boil for 2 minutes. Add the tomatoes, herbs, bay leaf, and salt and pepper to taste.
- 5 Return the sauce to a boil, reduce the heat to low and let simmer, uncovered for 45 minutes until the sauce is slightly thickened.

To make the lasagna:

- 1 Preheat the oven to 400° F. Grease a large rectangle baking dish.
- 2 Cut the polenta into eight 4-inch squares and place half of the squares in the bottom of the rectangle baking dish.
- 3 Spoon half of the sauce evenly over the polenta squares and top with half of the mozzarella and half of the Parmesan-Reggiano.
- 4 Arrange the remaining 4 polenta squares on top and cover with the remaining sauce, mozzarella and Parmesan-Reggiano cheeses.
- 5 Bake for about 40 minutes, or until the cheese melts and the sauce is bubbling. Let the casserole stand for minutes before serving.

Servings: 4

Nutrition Facts

Serving size: 1/4 of a recipe (26.2 ounces).

Amount Per Serving	
Calories	807.34
Calories From Fat (30%)	241.03
	% Daily Value
Total Fat 27.39g	42%
Saturated Fat 10.47g	52%
Cholesterol 46.64mg	16%
Sodium 2822.32mg	118%
Potassium 2250.35mg	64%
Total Carbohydrates 80.63g	27%
Fiber 17.4g	70%
Sugar 14.61g	
Protein 55.31g	111%

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Vegetarian

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