

San Francisco Cioppino

Here is one more case of seafood cookery being easier than meat cookery. With both Portuguese and especially French parallels, cioppino is a testament to fishermen selling or cooking whatever turned up in their nets that day.

SERVINGS: 6-8

INGREDIENTS:

3 Tbsp Olive Oil

1 large Fennel Bulb, thinly sliced

1 Onion, chopped

4 large Garlic Cloves, finely chopped

34 tsp Dried Crushed Red Pepper Flakes, plus more for serving

1 jar F+F Tomato Basil Marinara Sauce

11/2 c Dry White Wine

5 c Fish Stock or bottled Clam Juice

1 lb Manila Clams, scrubbed

1 lb Mussels, scrubbed & de-bearded

1 lb large Shrimp, peeled and deveined

1½ lb assorted Firm-Fleshed Fish Fillets, such as halibut or salmon, cut into 2-inch chunks

Sourdough Bread, for serving

DIRECTIONS:

- 1. Heat the oil in a very large pot over medium heat.
- 2. Add the fennel & onion, & sauté until the onion is translucent, about 10 minutes.
- 3. Add the garlic & red pepper flakes, & sauté 2 minutes.
- 4. Stir in the F+F Tomato Basil Marinara Sauce, followed by the wine & fish stock.
- 5. Bring to a simmer, cover & simmer until the flavors blend, about 30 minutes.
- 6. Add the clams & mussels to the pot. Cover & cook until the clams & mussels begin to open, about 5 minutes.
- 7. Add the shrimp & fish, simmering gently until the fish & shrimp are just cooked through & the clams are completely open, about 5 minutes longer. Be careful not to break up the fish when stirring. Discard any clams & mussels that do not open.
- 8. Season to taste with red pepper flakes. Ladle into bowls & serve with sourdough bread.

