

# BRAISED FRENCH FLAGEOLET BEANS AND LEEKS

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## INGREDIENTS

60 MINUTES 4 SERVINGS

- 1 cup Flageolet (or other small white beans), dried
- 2 medium leeks
- 3 stalks celery
- 4 cloves garlic
- 1 cup white wine
- 2 sprigs thyme, fresh
- 2 tbsp Herbs de Provence
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 teaspoon red chili flake
- 2 cups water

## TAGS

#comfort, #French #glutenfree, #oilfree, #vegan,



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Gather ingredients



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Soak beans overnight, or at least 6 hours.



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Beans will double to triple in size after soaking. If using canned beans, remember that the 1 cup dried equals about 2 1/2 -3 cups of canned beans.





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Trim the roots off the leeks and discard. Separate the white and green parts of the leeks.



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Thoroughly rinse the green tops of the leeks. Create a bundle with the bay leaf and thyme. This will help flavor your braise.



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Slice the white bottoms of the leeks.



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Thoroughly rinse sliced leeks under water to remove any sediment or grit.



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Slice celery about the same size as the sliced leeks.



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Heat a large pot or Dutch oven over high heat.





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Add leeks and celery. Spread into a single layer, cover, and let brown over medium-high heat. No oil is needed. Add water and reduce heat if anything starts to burn.

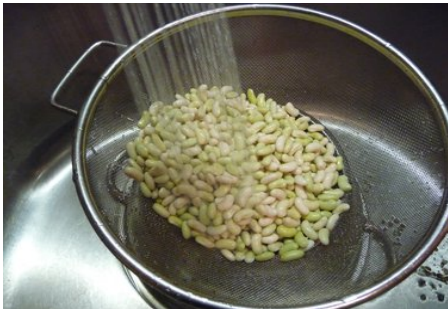


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Meanwhile, thinly slice garlic.



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Drain and rinse soaked beans.



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When leeks and celery have some brown, add the wine.



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Use a wooden spoon to scrape up any bits from the bottom of the pan.







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When the wine has cooked off and the pan is dry again, add the garlic, beans, leek "bundle", Herbs de Provence, red chili flake, and vegetable broth.



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Bring to a low simmer. Cover, leaving a small slit for some steam to escape. Cook for 50-60 minutes, until beans are tender. Cooking time will depend on the freshness of your beans -- the older, the longer they take.



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When beans are tender and starting to fall apart, you're ready. You can keep cooking for another hour or more; just make sure you have enough liquid in the pot. You can also cook this in the slow cooker, 4-6 hours, on Low.



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Remove your leek "bundle". Taste to adjust seasoning.



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Serve with a warm hug.

