

Serves 10-12

For the terrine:

2 tablespoons butter

2 tablespoons flour

1 cup whole milk

4 eggs, beaten

1 pound baked ham, trimmed of fat and chopped

2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh herb leaves, such as sage, marjoram and thyme, or more to taste

3 tablespoons amontillado or another flavorful Spanish sherry

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground white pepper, or to taste

3/4 teaspoon fresh lemon juice

Pastís de Pernil

(Ham Terrine with Herbs in a Fresh Tomato and Parsley Sauce)

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The Catalan Country Kitchen, page 46 by Marimar Torres

For the tomato sauce:

1/3 cup fresh parsley leaves

1-1/2 pounds ripe tomatoes, cut up

1-1/2 tablespoons tomato paste

1-1/2 tablespoons sherry vinegar, or to taste

3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, or to taste

As a garnish:

1 small bundle fresh chives (about 24)

20-24 cherry tomatoes, stemmed

To prepare the terrine: Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. In a small saucepan, melt butter; add flour and cook over medium heat for about 1 minute. Add milk and continue cooking, whisking constantly, until sauce thickens or comes to a boil. Cook for 1 minute and remove from heat. Set aside.

In a large bowl, mix eggs with ham, herbs, sherry, pepper and lemon juice. Add white sauce and blend well. Taste for seasoning; salt may not be necessary.

Butter a 5-cup rectangular mold and a piece of parchment or waxed paper cut to fit the bottom. Pour mixture into mold and place it inside a larger pan filled with boiling water at least 1/2 inch up the sides of the mold. Bake in the 350-degree oven for 30 minutes; remove from water and bake for another 25 to 30 minutes, or until a cake tester comes out clean. Let cool.

To prepare the tomato sauce: Shortly before serving, finely mince parsley in a blender or food processor. Add remaining ingredients and purée. Taste for seasoning.

To assemble the dish: Unmold terrine onto a board and cut it into 10-12 slices. Spoon some sauce on each dish, and place a slice of terrine on top. Arrange 3 chives and 2 tomatoes next to each slice of terrine. Serve at room temperature.