

# FAMILY LENTIL SOUP

#### **INGREDIENTS**

6 tbsp of Kitchen76 EVOO 1 tbsp of chili flakes 3 celery stalks chopped very small 4 shallots chopped very small 3 springs of rosemary – chopped small 1½ cups of dry lentils (rinsed)
½ or ¾ cup of Farro
4 cups of organic chicken broth (preferably sodium free)
2 cups of water
1 or 2 pieces of a Parmigiano rind

### **DIRECTIONS**

Using a deep, heavy bottom pot, heat up the EVOO on medium/low heat. Add chilli flakes and rosemary. Add shallots, season with salt and sweat them out. Add rinsed lentils and ensure that it combines well with the EVOO and rosemary base – cook for about 5 minutes on medium heat. Add 4 cups of broth and bring to a boil. Bring down to medium/low and cook for about 30 minutes or until lentils are tender.

Add Farro and stir to combine. Add 3 cups of water and salt to taste.

You can add more water if you prefer it more brothy.

Bring to a boil and then lower to medium/low and cook for another

30 minutes with the lid closed.

Serve with some grated Parmigiano, and a glass of 2019 Two Sisters Vineyards Merlot. Cheers!

### **WINE PAIRING**

## Two Sisters Merlot

This pairing is something of an enigma, as there is no meat in the recipe yet the flavours are so concentrated and rich that we reach for a red wine to pair with this dish. Simple yet concentrated, the lentils and other beautiful ingredients in this soup gives us weight and intensity that demands a red wine for pairing.

The rich, dark fruit notes of the Merlot, along with its supple texture, make it a beautiful companion for the soup. The flavours and textures of both the soup and the wine are wonderfully balanced, and together they create perfect harmony!