

# **EMPANADAS**

### **FILLING**

1 lb. Ground Beef

1 tbsp. Oil

8 oz. Tomato Sauce

1/2 cup Diced Roma Tomatoes

1/2 cup Diced Onion

1 tbsp. Dried Oregano

1 Diced Jalapeño

2 tbsp. Salt & Pepper

3 tbsp. Minced Garlic

1 Large Diced Potato

20 ea. Empanada Wrappers

#### SAUCE

2 cups Sour Cream

1 Jalapeño

1/2 Bunch Cilantro

1 Lime

**1 Garlic Clove** 

**Kosher Salt and Pepper** 



## GROUND BEEF & POTATO WITH CILANTRO-JALAPEÑO CREMA

### **FILLING**

- 1. Heat oil in a wide heavy skillet over medium-high heat. Add beef and fry until nicely browned, stirring throughout to keep pieces separate, about 5 minutes.
- 2. Turn heat down to medium and add onion.
- 3. Keep turning mixture with a spatula, as if cooking hash, until onion is softened and browned, about 10 minutes.
- 4. Add potatoes, garlic, oregano, jalapeño, diced tomatoes, and tomato sauce. Stir well.
- 5. Season with kosher salt and pepper, simmer on low heat for 10 minutes.
- 6. Cool to room temperature, then cover and chill in refrigerator until ready to assemble.

### SAUCE

- 1. In a blender, combine sour cream, jalapeño (stem removed), cilantro, lime juice, and garlic.
- 2. Blend until smooth, season with kosher salt and pepper.

### **ASSEMBLY**

- 1. Fill a small bowl with water.
- 2. Take an empanada wrapper and place on a flat surface.
- 3. Take about 2 oz. of filling and place in the center of the wrapper.
- 4. Dip your finger into the water and go around the edge of the wrapper, fold over and gently press to seal the empanada.
- 5. Take your fork and press on the edges to reassure your empanada is sealed.
- 6. Spray a baking sheet(s) with cooking spray and place the meat pies on it. You may need two baking sheets or, alternatively, you can bake them in two batches.
- 7. Pop the pan(s) into an oven that has been preheated to 350°F.
- 8. Bake the empanadas for 25-30 minutes or until the crust is nice and golden.
- 9. Enjoy with the Cilantro-Jalapeno Crema dipping sauce.