Seasonal Sensations from Ontario's Sommeliers

Charcoal Chimichurri Cherry Wood Chicken

"Cooking is in my family's blood. My father runs a BBQ catering business in Windsor (Motor City BBQ) so charcoal grilling is a year-round occurrence for us; the flavours cannot be beat. Summer BBQ represents family gatherings & taking it a bit easier; I prefer the simplicity of chicken at this time as it's reflective of the season - a simple, good time."

- Will Predhomme, Sommelier, @WillPredhomme

INGREDIENTS:

1 whole chicken
Hardwood charcoal
Cherry wood chips
Garden Chimichurri Marinade
(recipe below)
Olive Oil
Salt & Pepper

Garden Chimichurri Marinade

1 cup parsley finely chop1 cup cilantro finely chop

½ cup chives finely chopped

½ cup Olive Oil

2 squeezed lemons

4 garlic cloves fine chop

1/2 tsp crushed chili peppers

½ tsp ground cumin

1/2 tsp kosher salt



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INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Spattlecock chicken (remove spine & lay out flat), season with salt & pepper, put in fridge
- 2. Rub chicken with marinade & rest
- 3. Chimney-start (no lighter fluid!) your kettle with hardwood charcoal; recommending maple hardwood
- 4. Soak your cherry wood chips in water
- 5. Once kettle has begun to heat (about 20 minutes), lay the chicken on the grill with the insides resting closest to the coals. Scatter $\frac{1}{2}$ of the cherry wood chips
- 6. Close lid, wait 15 minutes, then turn chicken, closing the lid (do not open the lid any more than this one time!). Remove chicken after another 15 minutes have passed.
- 7. Cover with olive oil & let sit 10 minutes.
- 8. Carve & enjoy!

