David Burtka’s Horseradish, Herb and Salt Crusted Standing Rib Roast: Recipe from the God’s Love Holiday Catalog

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This is such an impressive and flavor forward recipe. People go crazy for it and will be so grateful. Once you’ve got this rib roast covered in salt, it’s a set-it-and-forget-it kind of recipe. Don’t be afraid if the salt cracks — you will still get a gorgeous roast. Plus it’s fun to have your kids do the cracking when it’s done!

~ David Burtka

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Rib Roast Ingredients:

One 4-bone standing rib roast, about 7 pounds
2 tbsp packed thyme leaves
¼ cup packed rosemary leaves
¼ cup whole black peppercorns
8 garlic cloves
¾ cup prepared horseradish, drained well but liquid reserved
6 large egg whites
8 cups Kosher salt

Method:

1. Combine thyme, rosemary, peppercorns, garlic, drained horseradish and egg whites in a food processor. Blend until mostly smooth then pour into large bowl. Add salt and stir with hands until well combined. Squeeze a spoonful of the mixture in the palm of your hand. If it stays clumped together like wet sand then the mixture is ready. If not, mix in a tbsp of the reserved horseradish liquid at a time until the mixture is the correct consistency.

2. Place roast into a large roasting pan with bones facing down and the fat-side-up. Use hands to press salt mixture evenly all over the top and sides of the roast in a thin layer about ¼-inch thick. Mound salt mixture around base of roast to completely seal.

3. Refrigerate the salt-crusted rib roast for at least 2 hours and up to overnight.

4. When ready to cook, allow roast to sit at room temperature for 1 hour. Place a rack in the center of the oven and pre-heat to 325°F.

5. Cook in oven 20 minutes per pound for medium-rare (125°F.), about 2 hours 20 minutes for a 7-pound roast. Salt crust might crack, but that is okay. Remove and let rest in the salt crust for 30 minutes. Use meat mallet or other heavy kitchen tool to break open the salt crust.

Horseradish Ingredients:

1 tbsp champagne vinegar
½ cup prepared horseradish, drained well
1½ cups crème fraiche or sour cream, cold
Kosher salt
freshly ground black pepper
2 tbsps thinly sliced chives

Horseradish Method:

1. Whisk together the champagne vinegar, horseradish, crème fraiche or sour cream and a large pinch of salt and pepper.

2. Stir in the chives

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