PECHUGAS DE POLLA A LA ANDALUZAS

Andalusian Chicken Breasts

Serves 10

1 head of garlic, cloves peeled and minced

1/4 cup dry leaf oregano

1 tsp salt

2 tsp freshly ground pepper

34 cup vegetable oil

½ cup red wine vinegar

11/2 cups pitted plums left whole

½ cup stuffed green olives left whole

2 red bell peppers, cored, seeded, and sliced

lengthwise

5 bay leaves

½ cup capers

2 tbsp lime juice

10 chicken breasts, boned, skinned, and split

1 cup dry sherry

1 cup packed brown sugar

1/4 cup finely chopped parsley

½ cup slivered almonds, lightly toasted

In a container suitable for marinating the chicken, combine the garlic, oregano, salt, pepper, oil, vinegar, plums, olives, red bell peppers, bay leaves, capers, and lime juice. Immerse the chicken breasts in this marinade, cover, and refrigerate 8 to 12 hours.

An hour and a half before serving time, preheat the oven to 325 degrees.

Place the chicken in a single layer in a large baking dish. Remove the bay leaves and pour the marinade over the chicken. Place the peppers on top. Cover the pan tightly with foil and bake for 1 hour.

Remove the pan from the oven and uncover it. Pour the sherry over the chicken and sprinkle on the brown sugar. Return the pan, uncovered, to the oven for 15 minutes, or until the brown sugar is crispy. (Be careful not to burn it.)

Garnish the chicken with parsley and almonds.