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INGREDIENTS

1 pound Doudlah Farms Organics Black Beans

3 cloves garlic

4 bay leaves divided

2 tbsp olive oil

1 medium onion diced

1 red bell pepper seeded and diced

2 cloves garlic minced

1 tbsp salt

1 tbsp cumin

1 tbsp oregano

1 tsp black pepper

1/2 tsp cayenne pepper

2 cups long grain white rice rinsed (use any rice that has to cook in 15 minutes)

4 cups chicken broth

Soak beans overnight to soften and remove any small hard stones. The next day, drain and rinse soaked beans with fresh water.

To cook beans, place in a large pot and add enough water to cover the beans by two inches. Add minced garlic and 2 bay leaves.

Bring the pot to a boil then reduce heat to low and simmer until tender (90 minutes or up to two hours). Set aside once cooked.

In a large Dutch oven, heat olive oil over medium-high heat and sauté onions, peppers, and garlic. Add spices (salt through cayenne pepper) and continue stirring until vegetables have softened, 4-6 minutes.

Stir in rinsed (uncooked) rice and sauté for 2 minutes so that the rice starts to toast and lightly brown.

Pour in chicken broth and add reserved cooked black beans along with 2-bay leaves. Stir once then bring to a boil. Stir a second time then reduce heat to low and place a tightly fitting lid on the pot. Cook until liquid has been absorbed, about 15 minutes.

Use a fork to loosen the rice and bean mixture then serve with fresh cilantro and lime wedges.

Serve alone or as side dish with grilled shrimp, roasted salmon or pork tenderloin.