Cast Iron Cheesy Shrimp & Grits

Ingredients:

Cheesy Grits

- 1 cup corn grits
- 2 cups water
- 1 cup milk/cream
- 1 cup shredded pepper jack cheese
- Cucamonga Cattle Company Double Barrel rub to taste (apx. 1/2 1 tsp)

Shrimp

- 1lb shrimp (16-20)
- 3 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 lemon juiced
- Cucamonga Cattle Company Prairie Dust (1 tsp)

Vegetable mix

- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 minced garlic clove
- 1 sweet onion diced
- 2 bell peppers (red, orange and/or yellow) diced
- Cucamonga Cattle Company Prairie Dust (1 tsp)
- cayenne pepper to taste (apx. 1/8 tsp)
- 1 lemon juiced
- 1/2 cup vinegar-based BBQ sauce (thin consistency is best)
- 1lb bacon chopped
- Worcestershire sauce to taste (apx. 1/2 tsp)
- Parsley chopped

Directions:

- 1. Start fire in charcoal grill and set up for indirect heat.
- 2. In a Ziploc bag or bowl, combine shrimp, olive oil, lemon juice and Cucamonga Cattle Company Prairie Dust. Allow to marinade 30min 1hr.
- 3. In Dutch Oven bring 2 cups water to a boil over direct heat. Add corn grits, stir well. Stir regularly while continuing to cook grits until they are soft (20-30 min). Stir in milk/cream, shredded cheese and Cucamonga Cattle Company Double Barrel rub. Place cover on Dutch Oven, remove from heat.
- 4. Add olive oil and garlic butter/minced garlic to a preheated Cast Iron skillet. Add diced onion, bell peppers, Cucamonga Cattle Company Prairie Dust and Oakridge Crucible BBQ rub (cayenne). Once onion/peppers have started to soften, add lemon juice and BBQ sauce. Continue to cook until onion/peppers become tender, and liquid has reduced. Remove from skillet, set aside.
- 5. Add chopped bacon to Cast Iron skillet. Cook until fat renders, and bacon is crispy (10-15 min). Remove cooked bacon from skillet, discard all but 1 tbsp of the bacon fat.
- 6. Remove shrimp from marinade, reserve marinade for later use. Add to Cast Iron skillet. Cook until shrimp turn pink (2min per side). Remove cooked shrimp from skillet.
- 7. Add reserved marinade to Cast Iron skillet, bring to a simmer. Return onion/peppers and cooked bacon to skillet. Adjust seasoning with Worcestershire sauce (to taste) and stir in freshly chopped parsley.
- 8. Best served in a shallow bowl or on a platter if serving family style. First place a base of cheesy grits, next a layer of onion/peppers/bacon mixture, and top with shrimp.

