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## BRAISED CHAMPAGNE CABBAGE AND APPLES

## **SERVES 8**

## **INGREDIENTS**

6 tablespoons butter or olive oil

2 slices bacon, cut into one half inch pieces (optional)

1 small onion, thinly sliced

2 tablespoons minced fresh ginger

1 teaspoon minced garlic

3 tart apples, peeled, cored, and thinly sliced

2 jars (2 pounds each) sauerkraut, rinsed in cold water several times and drained

2 cups dry champagne

1 teaspoon caraway seed

Salt and black pepper to taste

## **DIRECTIONS**

- 1 In a heavy oven-proof pot, melt the butter, and, if using, render the bacon for a few minutes. Add the onion, ginger, and garlic. Sauté for 4 minutes. Add the apples and sauté for 2 minutes longer.
- Place the rinsed sauerkraut into the pot.

  Pour in the champagne, caraway seed, salt, and pepper. Toss together and bring to a boil. Cover tightly, reduce the heat, and simmer for 45 minutes. Alternatively, bake in an oven preheated to 350° F for 1 hour.