# **Crockpot Meatballs**



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Serves 8

#### Prep Time: 20 minutes Cook Time: 5 hours 0 minutes

### Ingredients

## For the Meatballs (for a large batch):

\_\_3 lb of Ground Beef

- \_\_2 Eggs
- \_\_1-1/2 cups of Fresh Breadcrumbs
- \_\_\_1/4 tsp of Fennel Seeds

\_\_\_1/2 cup of Freshly Grated Parmigiano Reggiano

- 2 Cloves of Garlic
- \_\_1 Small Yellow Onion
- \_\_1 tsp of Italian Seasoning
- \_\_Salt and Pepper, to taste
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#### For the sauce:

- \_\_1/2 cup of Red Wine
- \_\_\_24 oz can of Tomato Puree
- \_\_\_14 oz can of Crushed Tomatoes
- \_\_1 Yellow onion, sliced
- \_\_1 Red Bell Pepper, sliced
- \_\_\_10 oz of Cremini Mushrooms, sliced
- \_\_2 tsp of Italian seasoning
- Salt and Pepper, to taste

1) To make the meatballs, add the onions and garlic to a food processor and pulse until smooth.

2) In a large bowl, add the ground beef, onion mixture. fennel seeds, parm, bread crumbs, eggs Italian seasoning, salt and pepper, mix everything together well and form your meatballs.



3) Add the meatballs straight into the crock pot (make sure you add a small drizzle of

oil to the bottom of your crockpot) and cook them on high for 2 hours.

4) After the 2 hours, add all of the ingredients for the sauce right over top of the meatballs, cover and cook on high for an additional 2 hours and 45 minutes.

5) Once everything is cooked, give it a good stir and adjust the seasoning to taste.