

chicken with saffron rice

31/2 lb. chicken thighs and drumsticks

Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

2 Tbs. olive oil

1 yellow onion, finely diced

1 red bell pepper, seeded and finely diced

1/4 tsp. crumbled saffron

1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes

5 garlic cloves, minced

1/2 cup dry sherry

21/4 cups chicken broth

1 can (14½ oz.) diced tomatoes with juices

3 cups medium-grain rice

½ cup green olives, pitted and halved

1 Tbs. minced fresh flat-leaf parsley

Preheat oven to 350°F. Season chicken with salt and black pepper. In Dutch oven over medium-high heat, warm 1 Tbs. oil. Brown chicken in batches, 7–8 minutes per batch. Transfer to plate. Discard fat; wipe out pot.

In same pot over medium heat, warm 1 Tbs. oil. Cook onion, bell pepper, saffron and red pepper flakes about 10 minutes. Add garlic; cook 30 seconds. Add sherry; cook 1 minute. Add chicken, broth, tomatoes and juices. Bring to simmer, reduce heat to medium-low, cover and cook 20 minutes. Add rice, olives, 1½ tsp. salt and black pepper. Increase heat to medium-high; bring to simmer. Cover; bake in oven 30 minutes, stirring once halfway through. Let stand 10 minutes. Sprinkle with parsley. Serves 6–8.



