321 Ribs

Prep: 15 minutes • Cook: 6 hours

Fall-off-the-bone smoked baby back ribs cooked with the 3-2-1 method: sweet-rubbed, apple cider-braised, and finished with a sticky BBQ glaze. Juicy, tender, and sweet-savory with deep smoke and caramelized sauce.

Ingredients

- 1 rack baby back ribs
- 2 tablespoons Hey Grill Hey Sweet Rub
- 1 cup apple cider (apple juice also works)
- 1/4 cup dark brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons salted butter (cut into small pads)
- 1/2 cup Hey Grill Hey Everything BBQ Sauce

Instructions

- 1. Preheat the smoker to 180°F.
- 2. Remove the membrane from the back of the ribs and trim excess fat.
- 3. Liberally season both sides of the ribs with Sweet Rub, starting with the bone side.
- 4. Place ribs on the smoker and smoke for 3 hours (target around 165°F internal at this point).
- 5. Make the braise: Place a large sheet of foil on your work surface. Set ribs bone-side up on the foil, sprinkle with dark brown sugar, dot with butter (cut into small pads), and pour in apple cider. Seal tightly in foil.
- 6. Return wrapped ribs to the smoker, increase temperature to 225°F, and cook 2 hours.
- 7. Unwrap carefully, discard foil and liquid, and place ribs back on the grill bone-side down. Brush with Everything BBQ Sauce (or your favorite sauce).
- 8. Continue smoking for about 1 hour (or until around 200°F internal and the sauce is set and sticky).
- 9. Rest ribs 10-15 minutes, slice, and serve with extra sauce if desired.

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