Beer Brats with Beer-Caramelized Onions, Sauerkraut and Mustard

Prep: 10 minutes • Cook: 50 to 75 minutes

Plump bratwurst are gently simmered in beer with sweet, caramelized onions, then flame-kissed for a snappy casing and smoky char. Served on soft buns with sauerkraut and mustard, it's classic tailgate comfort with deep malty richness.

Ingredients

- as needed bratwurst (raw)
- as needed buns
- 3 beers beer
- 3 medium sweet onions (sliced thin)
- 2 tbsp butter
- to taste sauerkraut
- · to taste mustard

Instructions

- 1. Prepare the grill for medium-high direct heat. Place a Dutch oven or deep cast-iron skillet over the fire.
- 2. Caramelize the onions: Add butter to the pan. When melted, add the sliced onions and cook, stirring frequently, until caramelized to your liking, about 20 minutes.
- 3. Parboil the brats: Add the raw bratwurst to the pan with the onions and pour in enough beer to submerge (about 3 beers). Bring to a gentle simmer and cook until the brats reach an internal temperature of 165°F, about 20 minutes; for plumper, juicier brats, simmer up to 45 minutes.
- 4. Remove the brats from the beer. Strain the onions from the beer and set the onions aside for serving.
- 5. Grill the brats over direct heat, turning and rotating often to achieve good char and grill marks without bursting the casings, 3 to 6 minutes.
- 6. Rest briefly, then serve the brats on buns topped with the beer onions, sauerkraut, and mustard (or your preferred toppings). Enjoy with a cold beer.

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