

August 2016 Pairing

Gold medal season at the Olympics in Brazil.

For this occasion, it seems that Brazilian food might be a good choice. Fred and his family lived in Venezuela from 1952-1962 and Fred and Jennifer and their children lived in Panama - and grew up eating feijoada regularly as this Latin food is part of the family heritage. Founder, Fred S. Johnson, Sr., also loved a Brazilian restaurant in New York City called Cabana Carioca.

A Brazilian friend in Westfield, Mara R., and her husband, helped enormously with authentic Farofa, when we recently celebrated the summer Olympics with a traditional Brazilian Feijoada.

Erie County Farms, in Erie, PA, is a good resource for smoked meats for the stew.

Brazilian “Feijoada”

This is a celebration. Your favorite Johnson Estate red wine would a nice pairing with this meal. BUT, the traditional Brazilian drink is a Caipirinha, a drink made from Cachaça, a sugar-cane rum, mixed with lime and sugar and plenty of ice.

Caipirinhas
Black Bean Stew
with Smoked Sausage & Pork
Rice
Collard Greens Cooked with Onions
Fried Plantains
Chopped Oranges
Farofa (Tapioca and fried onions)