Italian Sausage with Grapes

This is a tasty combination of unlikely ingredients. I use a good balsamic vinegar from Zingerman's.

Ingredients:

- 1 medium onion
- 1 lb. seedless red grapes
- 1 Tbsp. vegetable oil
- 1 Tbsp. fresh oregano (1/2 tsp. dried organo)
- 11/2 lb. sweet Italian sausage
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 1/4 cup dry white wine
- 2 tsp. balsamic vinegar
- 2 Tbsp. fresh mint



Equipment:

- 12" fry pan
- Paper towel
- Digital thermometer

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| | Halve the medium onion and slice into long slivers | 4 |
| | Rinse 1 lb. of grapes and then slice in half lengthwise (3 cups) | 5 |
| | Heat 1 Tbsp. oil over medium heat until shimmering | 2 |
| | Remove oregano leaves and chop (1 Tbsp.) | 2 |
| | Brown 1 1/2 lb. sausages on one side | 3 |
| | Chop mint (2 Tbsp.) | 2 |
| | Turn sausages and brown on opposite side | 2 |
| | Tilt pan and remove excess grease with a paper towel | 1 |
| | Insert digital thermometer into a sausage | 1 |
| | Distribute grapes and onion among sausages | 1 |
| | Add 1/4 cup water, cover, and cook | 5 |
| | Turn sausages, cover, and cook to an internal | 5 |
| | temperature of 160 degrees | |
| | Transfer sausages to a plate lined with paper towel and tent with foil | 1 |
| | Stir 1/8 tsp. salt and 1/4 tsp. pepper into the remaining mixture on medium-high heat | 1 |
| | Cook without stirring until browned | 4 |
| | Stir and continue to brown the mixture. Grapes should keep their shape. | 4 |
| | Reduce to medium heat. Stir in 1/4 cup wine and 1 Tbsp. oregano. | 2 |
| | Scrape browned bits and reduce wine liquid by half | 1 |
| | Remove from heat. Stir in 2tsp. balsamic vinegar. | 1 |
| | Arrange sausages on serving dish. Cover with sauce, | 1 |
| | Garnish with 2 Tbsp. mint | 1 |
| | Total | 48 |