Home Cured Lamb Prosciutto with Pu-erh Spice

TOTAL CURING TIME: 4-6 weeks

1 leg of lamb (deboned, about 5-7 pounds)

1/4 C kosher salt

1 t Instacure No. 2 (curing salt)

2 T sugar

2 T ground Pu-erh Spice tea leaves

1 T fresh rosemary, chopped

1 T fresh thyme, chopped 1 T black pepper, ground 2 cloves garlic, minced Zest of 1 orange

Juice of 1 orange

PREPARE THE LAMB: Rinse the lamb leg under cold water and pat dry with paper towels. Remove any excess fat and silver skin from the lamb.

PREPARE THE CURE: In a bowl, mix the kosher salt, Instacure No. 2, sugar, ground Pu-erh Spice tea leaves, rosemary, thyme, black pepper, minced garlic, orange zest, and orange juice.

CURE THE LAMB: Rub the lamb thoroughly with the curing mixture, ensuring all parts are well-coated. Place the lamb in a vacuum-sealable bag or a large resealable plastic bag. Seal the bag, removing as much air as possible. Refrigerate the lamb for 2-3 weeks, turning the bag occasionally to ensure even curing.

RINSE AND DRY: After curing, remove the lamb from the bag and rinse off the curing mixture under cold water. Dry the lamb with paper towels.

REFRIGERATE TO CURE FURTHER: Place the lamb on a wire rack set over a baking sheet in the refrigerator. Let it cure for an additional 2-3 weeks, turning occasionally to ensure even drying.

SERVE: Once cured, the lamb prosciutto can be thinly sliced and served as part of your charcuterie board.