## Coq au vin blanc, with garlicky olive oil mashed potatoes

Yield 4 servings

## Ingredients:

4 tablespoons olive oil 8 ounces bacon, diced in lardons 8 each, about 3 pounds chicken thighs, skin on  $\frac{1}{2}$  pound carrots, cut diagonally into  $\frac{1}{2}$ " pieces 2 stalks celery, sliced into  $\frac{1}{2}$ " pieces 1 large onion, diced Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper 1 Tablespoon garlic, chopped 4 sprigs fresh, or 1 teaspoon dry oregano 10 sprigs fresh, or 1 tablespoon dry thyme 2 tablespoons tomato paste <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup Cognac, or good brandy ½ bottle dry white wine, such as white burgundy or sancerre 1 quart homemade or high-quality chicken stock <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> pound cremini mushrooms, stems removed and thickly sliced 1/2 pound frozen pearl onions 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, at room temperature 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour 4 tablespoons parsley, roughly chopped Mashed potatoes 2 pounds waxy potatoes 1/4 cup olive oil 6 garlic cloves peeled 1/2 cup heavy cream Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper