

HEIRLOOM TOMATO SALAD WITH GOAT CHEESE, WATERMELON, CILANTRO AND JALAPEÑO VINAIGRETTE FROM RED AGAVE

Chef Gabriel Gil created this salad, which Red Agave owner Brian Hebb says is a reminder that less is often more. "The brightness of the watermelon rides on the almost savory flavor of heirloom tomatoes," he says. "The cilantro fills the olfactory time machine with your own personal cilantro nostalgias, while the effervescent heat of the peppers bounds into the luxurious richness of goat cheese."

Serves 2

2 heirloom tomatoes, any variety, cut into wedges
6 grape tomatoes, halved
1/4 cup seedless watermelon, cut into batonnettes (a long rectangular cut larger than a julienne)
20 picked cilantro leaves, without stems
6 very thin slices of jalapeño
1/4 log fresh goat cheese, rolled into 1/2-inch balls
1 tbsp. sherry vinegar
3 tbsp. plus 1 tsp. extra virgin olive oil, preferably Spanish
4 tbsp. jalapeño vinaigrette, recipe follows
salt, pepper, and sugar to taste

You will need three small mixing bowls. In one bowl, place the tomatoes and dress them with the sherry vinegar, 3 tablespoons olive oil, salt, pepper and a small pinch of sugar. In another bowl, dress the goat cheese and watermelon with the jalapeño vinaigrette and season with salt and pepper. In the last bowl, put the cilantro leaves and sliced jalapeño with the final teaspoon of olive oil and season with salt and pepper.

To assemble, divide the large tomatoes in a neat pile in the center of two plates with the grape tomatoes



forming a circle around them. Gently place the watermelon and goat cheese on top of the heirloom tomatoes. Divide the cilantro and jalapeños and top the salad with them. This is a perfect summer salad for an outdoor barbeque with a glass of Spanish Albariño or an Oregon chardonnay.

Jalapeño Vinaigrette

3 tbsp. fresh lime juice
1 tsp. vodka
1 garlic clove that has been gently poached in olive oil until soft
1 jalapeño, seeded
1 organic egg yolk
1 tsp. sugar
1/4 cup grapeseed oil

Place all the ingredients except the oil in a blender. Turn on and blend for 30 seconds at a medium setting until jalapeño is completely blended. Slowly add the grapeseed oil until emulsified. Season with salt, pepper and sugar to taste.

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