

Romaine, Red Onion and Shaved Asparagus Salad with Parmesan Vinaigrette

2 tablespoons white balsamic vinegar
1 clove garlic, mashed
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
Zest and juice of ¹/₂ a lemon
¹/₂ teaspoon anchovy paste
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
¹/₂ teaspoon each onion and garlic powder
1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil
2 tablespoons grated parmesan cheese
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

- 3 to 4 cups chopped romaine
 1 cup shredded arugula
 2 to 3 stalks trimmed asparagus, shaved
 2 slices cooked bacon, chopped
 1/4 small onion, thinly sliced
- Add vinegar, garlic, mustard, lemon juice and zest, anchovy paste, Worcestershire and spices to mixing bowl.
- Season with salt and pepper.
- Slowly whisk in the olive oil. Stir in cheese.
- Add lettuce, arugula, asparagus, bacon and onion to a mixing bowl.
- Toss with dressing (reserve remaining); adjust seasoning.

Sauteed Shrimp and Spaghetti with Sicilian Pesto

1 tablespoon olive oil
¹/₂ pound large shrimp, peeled and deveined
¹/₂ tablespoon Italian seasoning
1 shallot, minced
2 to 3 cloves garlic, minced
¹/₄ cup white wine
¹/₂ cup chicken stock
¹/₄ cup cream
2 tablespoons sicilian pesto
¹/₄ pound spaghetti, cooked
Grated parmesan
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

- Bring a saute pan to medium heat and add the oil.
- Season shrimp with salt, pepper and herb mix.
- Cook shrimp, turning once, until translucent. Remove from pan.
- Add the shallot and garlic; cook until translucent.
- Add the white wine; simmer until reduced by half. Add the stock and cream; simmer until thickened.
- Stir in the pesto and pasta; simmer until heated through.
- Stir in shrimp and parmesan. Adjust seasoning.



Sicilian Pesto

- 1/2 cup toasted slivered almonds
 1 clove garlic (peeled and smashed)
 1 cup packed basil leaves
 1 pint cherry or grape tomatoes (halved)
 1 teaspoon kosher salt
 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
 1/2 cup freshly grated parmesan cheese
 - Add first six ingredients to a food processor. Puree until smooth.
 - With machine running; add oil.
 - Stir in cheese; adjust seasoning.

Sauteed Chicken with Orange, Caper and Herb Sauce

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
 2 chicken cutlets
 1 tablespoon herb mix
 1 shallot, minced
 2 cloves garlic, minced
 Pinch of crushed red pepper
 ½ cup white wine
 ½ cup chicken stock
 Juice of ¼ orange
 1 tablespoon cornstarch
 1 tablespoon capers
 1 tablespoon cold butter
 1 teaspoon minced fresh thyme
 Sea salt and fresh cracked pepper
 - Bring a saute pan to medium heat and add the oil. Season chicken with herb mix, salt and pepper.
 - Saute, turning once, until lightly browned and cooked through. Remove from pan.
 - Cook the shallot until translucent. Add garlic and crushed red pepper; cook 1 minute more.
 - Add the white wine; cook until reduced by half. Add the vegetable stock; bring to a simmer.
 - Mix together the orange juice and cornstarch. Add cornstarch slurry; simmer until thickend.
 - Remove from heat; whisk in cold butter. Stir in thyme; season with basil, salt and pepper.
 - Serve chicken topped with sauce.



White Sangria

- 1 (750ml) bottle Moscato ¹/₄ cup peach schapps ¹/₄ cup brandy ¹/₄ cup orange liqueur 2 cups fresh squeezed orange juice Orange Wedges
 - Stir together first five ingredients.
 - Serve over ice. Garnish with orange wedges.