

Roasted Eggplant Marinara Sauce

made with:

Castillo de Pinar Organic Extra Virgin Olive Oil, Castillo de Pinar Fritada Tomate de Casera and Castillo de Pinar Thyme Balsamic Vinegar Reduction serves 4

Ingredients:

1 whole eggplant

Castillo de Pinar Organic Extra Virgin Olive Oil

- 4 large cloves of fresh garlic
- 2-12oz jars Castillo de Pinar Fritada de Tomate Casera
- 2 TBS Castillo de Pinar Thyme Balsamic Vinegar Reduction

1/4 cup White Wine

1 TBS dried Italian seasoning blend

2 TBS salted butter

2 tsp sea salt

1 tsp black pepper

Directions:

Pre-heat the oven to 400 degrees.

Rub the skin of the eggplant and garlic cloves generously with olive oil and place on a small baking dish.

In a separate large baking dish mix the Fritada de Tomate Casera with the Thyme Vinegar Reduction and White Wine. Bake the sauce and eggplant uncovered in the oven for 20 min at 400 degrees.

Tip: make sure the sauce is in a large enough baking dish to ensure it bakes in a shallow layer to achieve the best flavor from the roasting process.

In a stainless steel or non-stick large sauté pan, melt the butter on low heat and add the dried Italian seasoning. This will allow the dried herbs to become fragrant and infuse with the oil in the butter. After the eggplant and garlic have roasted, press out the garlic to remove the peel.

Slice the eggplant down the middle to open it. Using the edge of a spoon, scrape the flesh of the eggplant away from the skin. (Discard the one or two large clusters of seeds) Finely chop the remaining eggplant flesh and sprinkle with Sea Salt and Black Pepper.

Mash the garlic into the melted butter in the sauté pan. Fold in the finely chopped eggplant into the herbed butter. Add the Roasted Fritada Tomate de Casera to the sauté pan. Stir, cover and bring to a low simmer to keep warm.

Cook your favorite pasta al dente and toss with the sauce topped with a drizzle of Castillo de Pinar Extra Virgin Olive Oil and a generous dusting of grated Parmesan cheese.

salt and pepper to taste and garnish with freshly chopped basil or italian parsley.

Buon Appetito!