Wild Rice Pilaf with Pear

1 C wild rice

2 C water

2 t Yunnan Noir

1 Tolive oil

1 small onion, finely chopped

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 pear, peeled, cored, and diced

1/2 C dried cranberries

1/2 C chopped pecans or walnuts

1/4 C chopped fresh parsley

Salt and pepper to taste

BREW THE TEA: Bring the water to a boil, then remove from heat. Add the Yunnan Noir tea and let steep for 5-7 minutes. Strain, discard the leaves, and set the brewed tea aside.

COOK THE RICE: In a medium saucepan, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Add the chopped onion and garlic, and sauté until the onion is translucent, about 5 minutes. Add the wild rice and stir to coat with the oil.

SIMMER THE RICE: Pour the brewed tea into the saucepan with the rice. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to low, cover, and simmer for 45-50 minutes, or until the rice is tender and the liquid is absorbed.

ADD THE PEAR AND MIX-INS: Stir in the diced pear, dried cranberries, chopped nuts, and fresh parsley. Cook for an additional 5 minutes, until the pear is slightly softened. Season with salt and pepper to taste.