with Butter Lettuce & Cucumber Salad

(1) 30-40 MINS

2 SERVINGS

These satisfying vegetarian sandwiches highlight layers of creamy ricotta (which gets thrilling heat from a hint of specialty Calabrian chile paste), briny olives, sautéed zucchini, and sweet roasted red peppers. For a refreshing accompaniment, we're serving it with a simple side salad of crisp butter lettuce and crunchy cucumbers tossed with a simple Italian-seasoned dressing.



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Zesty & Tropical

Serve a bottle with this symbol for a great pairing.



Ingredients



SMALL BAGUFTTES



ZUCCHINI



BUTTER



PERSIAN CUCUMBER



1 clove GARLIC



SLICED ROASTED **RED PEPPERS**



1 ½ tsps CALABRIAN CHILE PASTE



PITTED NIÇOISE **OLIVES**



1/2 cup PART-SKIM RICOTTA CHEESE



1 Tbsp RICE VINEGAR



1/4 cup GRATED **PARMESAN** CHEESE



1 Tbsp ITALIAN **SEASONING***

^{*}Whole Dried Basil, Sage, Oregano, Savory, Rosemary, Thyme & Marjoram













1) Prepare the ingredients & make the Italian dressing:

- Wash and dry the fresh produce.
- Cut off and discard the root end of the lettuce; roughly chop the leaves.
- Halve the **cucumber** lengthwise, then thinly slice crosswise.
- ☐ In a large bowl, combine the **chopped lettuce** and **sliced cucumber**.
- Cut the **zucchini** into ½-inch-thick rounds.
- ☐ Halve the **baguettes**.
- Peel 1 clove of garlic.
- Roughly chop the **peppers**.
- Roughly chop the **olives**.
- In a bowl, combine the ricotta, a drizzle of olive oil, and as much of the chile paste as you'd like, depending on how spicy you'd like the dish to be; season with salt and pepper.
- In a separate bowl, whisk together the vinegar, half the Italian seasoning (you will have extra), half the parmesan, and 1 tablespoon of olive oil.

2 Brown the zucchini:

- In a large pan (nonstick, if you have one), heat 1 tablespoon of olive oil on medium-high until hot.
- Add the zucchini rounds in an even layer; season with salt and pepper. Cook 2 to 3 minutes per side, or until browned.
- ☐ Transfer to a plate. Wipe out the pan.

3 Toast the baguettes:

- In the same pan, heat 1 tablespoon of olive oil on medium until hot.
- Add the halved baguettes, cut side down. Cook 4 to 6 minutes, or until browned. Flip and cook 2 to 3 minutes, or until lightly browned (if the pan seems dry, add a drizzle of olive oil before flipping).
- Transfer to a work surface. Carefully rub the cut sides with the peeled garlic clove, then discard the clove. Season with salt and pepper.

4 Assemble the sandwiches:

- Assemble the sandwiches using the toasted baguettes, spicy ricotta, browned zucchini, chopped peppers, and chopped olives.
- Carefully halve the sandwiches on an angle.

Make the salad & serve your dish:

- To the bowl of prepared lettuce and cucumber, add enough of the Italian dressing to coat (you may have extra); season with salt and pepper. Toss to coat.
- Serve the sandwiches with the salad on the side. Garnish the salad with the remaining parmesan. Enjoy!

