Roasted Broccoli & Freekeh Salad

with Lemon Yogurt & Barrel-Aged Feta Cheese

TIME: 35-45 minutes SERVINGS: 2

Roasted vegetables, pickled peppers, dates, and more liven up this Mediterraneaninspired grain salad, served with lemon-brightened yogurt for dolloping on top.





MATCH YOUR BLUE APRON WINE



Serve a bottle with this symbol for a great pairing.

Ingredients



2/3 cup CRACKED **FREEKEH**



2 cloves GARLIC



1/2 cup SHEEP'S MILK YOGURT



MEYER LEMON



CARROTS



1 lb **BROCCOLI**



1 bunch

MINT

DRIED MEDJOOL DATES



2 Tbsps SLICED ROASTED **ALMONDS**



2 Tbsps **PICKLED PERUVIAN** PEPPERS



 $1 \frac{1}{2}$ oz BARREL-AGED **FETA CHEESE**



CRUSHED RED PEPPER FLAKES

















1 Prepare & roast the vegetables:

- ☐ Place an oven rack in the center of the oven, then preheat to 450°F.
- ☐ Heat a medium pot of salted water to boiling on high.
- Line a sheet pan with aluminum foil.
- ☐ Wash and dry the fresh produce.
- ☐ Cut off and discard the bottom ½ inch of the **broccoli** stem; cut the broccoli into small pieces. Peel the **carrots**; halve lengthwise, then cut crosswise into 2-inch pieces.
- ☐ Place on the sheet pan. Drizzle with olive oil and season with salt and pepper; toss to coat. Arrange in an even layer.
- ☐ Roast 25 to 27 minutes, or until browned and tender when pierced with a fork. Remove from the oven.

2 Cook the freekeh:

- ☐ While the vegetables roast, peel 1 garlic clove; using the side of your knife, gently smash to flatten.
- ☐ Add the smashed garlic and **freekeh** to the pot of boiling water. Cook, uncovered, 20 to 22 minutes, or until tender. Turn off the heat. Drain thoroughly and return to the pot.

3 Prepare the remaining ingredients:

- ☐ While the freekeh cooks, using a peeler, remove the yellow rind of the **lemon**, avoiding the white pith; mince the rind to get 2 teaspoons of zest (or use a zester). Ouarter and deseed the lemon.
- Peel and finely chop the **remaining garlic clove**; using the side of your knife, smash until it resembles a paste (or use a zester).
- ☐ Pit and roughly chop the **dates**.
- ☐ Pick the **mint** leaves off the stems; discard the stems.

4 Make the lemon yogurt:

☐ While the freekeh continues to cook, in a bowl, combine the yogurt, lemon zest, the juice of 1 lemon wedge, and as much of the garlic paste as you'd like. Drizzle with olive oil and season with salt and pepper to taste.

5 Finish the salad:

☐ To the pot of cooked freekeh, add the peppers, almonds, chopped dates, roasted vegetables, the juice of the remaining lemon wedges, half the mint leaves (tearing just before adding), and as much of the red pepper flakes as you'd like, depending on how spicy you'd like the dish to be. Drizzle with olive oil and stir to combine. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

6 Serve your dish:

Garnish the **finished salad** with the **remaining mint leaves** (tearing just before adding), **cheese** (crumbling before adding), and a drizzle of olive oil. Serve with the **lemon yogurt** on the side. Enjoy!