



Lemon Thyme Chicken Orzo

with kale and grape tomatoes

(i) You will need

Olive Oil, Salt, Pepper, Cooking Spray Medium Pot, Baking Sheet, Large Non-Stick Pan, Wire-Mesh Strainer

Before you cook

Take a minute to read through the recipe before you start-we promise it will be time well spent!

- ☐ Preheat oven to 400 degrees
- ☐ Bring a medium pot of water to a boil
- ☐ Thoroughly rinse produce and pat dry
- ☐ Prepare a baking sheet with foil and cooking spray
- ☐ Ingredient(s) used more than once: thyme



Prepare the Ingredients

- Peel and mince shallot.
- Mince aarlic.
- Zest and halve lemon. Quarter one half and juice the remaining half.
- Stem and coarsely chop thyme.
- Stem and coarsely chop kale.
- Halve tomatoes.
- Pat **chicken breasts** dry, and season both sides with a pinch of salt and pepper.



Cook the Chicken

- Heat a large non-stick pan over medium heat and add ½ tsp. olive oil. Add chicken to hot pan and sear undisturbed until browned 4-5 minutes
- Transfer chicken to prepared baking sheet, seared side up. Roast in hot oven until chicken reaches a minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees, 10-12 minutes.
- Rest cooked chicken 5 minutes. Reserve pan; no need to wipe clean.
- While chicken roasts, start orzo.



Start the Orzo

- Add orzo to boiling water and cook until al dente, 8-10 minutes.
- Reserve ¾ cup pasta cooking water. Drain orzo in a wiremesh strainer. Set aside.
- While orzo boils, cook vegetables.



Cook the Vegetables

- Return pan used to sear chicken to medium heat. Add ½ tsp. olive oil and shallot to hot pan and stir often until tender, 4-6 minutes.
- Add garlic and cook until aromatic, 30 seconds.
- Add reserved **pasta cooking water**, **chicken base**, 1 tsp. **lemon juice**, and half the **thyme** (reserve remaining for garnish) and stir until incorporated. Raise heat to high.
- Bring to a boil. Once boiling, cook until liquid is reduced by half, 3-5 minutes.
- Stir in kale and cook until wilted, 2-3 minutes.



Finish Orzo and Finish Dish

- Reduce heat to medium. Stir in orzo, tomatoes, Parmesan, and butter. Season with a pinch of salt and pepper. Remove from burner.
- Plate dish as pictured on front of card, garnishing chicken with reserved thyme and ½ tsp. lemon zest. Squeeze lemon wedges over to taste. Bon appétit!