

NUTRITION per serving 35g carbohydrates 32g fat 45g protein 1251mg sodium | calorie-conscious, carb-conscious



Prep & Cook Time 25-35 min.



Cook Within 5 days 5 days



**Easy** 



Spice Level **Not Spicy** 



**GRILLING SERIES** 

# Grilled Chicken and Pear Salad

with goat cheese, walnuts, and balsamic onions

## IN YOUR KITCHEN

Olive Oil

Salt

Pepper

Cooking Spray

**Baking Sheet** 

Grill Pan or Outdoor Grill

Mixing Bowl

Small Pan

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#### **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**
- ☐ Thoroughly rinse produce and pat dry
- Prepare a baking sheet with foil and cooking spray
- Preheat outdoor grill or grill pan over medium-high heat.

## WHILE YOU COOK

☐ Heads up! Balsamic-honey mixture is used twice. 1 Tbsp. is drizzled over onions and remaining becomes vinaigrette.

#### FROM THE CHEF

Impress your diners (and yourself) by getting pro-looking crosshatch marks on grilled meats. Imagine your grill is a clock and place meat on grill so tip points at 10 o'clock. After 2-3 minutes, rotate so tip points at 2, and cook another 2-3 minutes. Repeat on second side. This enhances presentation, allows meat to cook evenly, and gets great char flavor.

#### Did vou know...

Walnuts have been around a long, long time; dating back to 7,000, they are man's oldest tree food. In the past, some believed walnuts to be "brain food" because of their resemblance to, well, brains. Now we know, thanks to their Omega-3, that walnuts actually are brain food!



# **Prepare the Ingredients**

Peel **onion** and slice into ¼" rounds. Quarter **pear**, core, and cut into ¼" slices. Whisk together **balsamic vinegar** and **honey** in a large mixing bowl. Pat **chicken breasts** dry, and season both sides with a pinch of **salt** and **pepper**.



## **Roast the Onion**

Place **onion rounds** on prepared baking sheet and separate rounds into rings. Drizzle with 1 Tbsp. **balsamic-honey mixture** (reserve remaining for vinaigrette) and spread into a single layer. Roast until onions are softened, 15–18 minutes. While onions roast, cook chicken.



## Cook the Chicken

Drizzle **chicken** with 1 tsp. **olive oil** and place on hot grill. Grill until chicken reaches a minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees, 5-6 minutes per side. Remove chicken from grill and let rest 5 minutes.



# **Make Vinaigrette and Toast Walnuts**

Whisk 1 Tbsp. olive oil into reserved balsamic-honey mixture and add ¼ tsp. salt. Taste, and season to taste with salt and pepper. Salt will highlight the sweetness and sharpness of balsamic and honey. Heat a small pan over medium heat. Add walnuts to hot, dry pan and stir constantly until toasted and aromatic, 4-5 minutes. Remove walnuts from pan and set aside.



# Toss the Salad

Add **spinach** to bowl with **balsamic vinaigrette**. Toss to combine and season with ½ tsp. **salt** and a pinch of **pepper**. Alternatively, serve dressing on side to control amount



## Finish the Dish

Slice **chicken** if desired. Place a serving of **salad** on a plate and top with separated rings of **roasted onion** and **pear**. Garnish with **goat cheese crumbles** (breaking up with your hands if needed), **toasted walnuts**, and **dried cherries**. Serve chicken next to salad or on top.