





Prep & Cook Time 25-35 min.



Cook Within 5 days



Easy



Spice Level **Not Spicy** 



**GRILLING SERIES** 

# Charred Caprese Tartines

with spinach salad and garlic vinaigrette

#### IN YOUR KITCHEN

Olive Oil

Salt

Pepper

Cooking Spray

Grill Pan or Outdoor Grill

2 Mixing Bowls

Small Non-Stick 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!
- ☐ Thoroughly rinse produce and pat dry

## WHILE YOU COOK

- Pine nuts toast quickly. Let your nose tell you when they're done. As soon as you can detect the aroma of toasted nuts, remove them from pan.
- ☐ Heads Up! Garlic vinaigrette is used twice. 1 tsp. is drizzled on each tartine and remaining dresses salad.

#### FROM THE CHEF

If you don't have a grill pan or the grates on your outdoor grill are too far apart to hold grape tomatoes, you can char tomatoes in a medium pan with ½ tsp. olive oil over high heat for 1-2 minutes.

#### Did you know...

The colors of caprese salad (red tomatoes, white mozzarella, and green basil) are meant to resemble Italy's flag.



## **Prepare the Ingredients**

Halve **mozzarella**. Stem **basil**, stack leaves, roll into a long cylinder, and slice lengthwise to create very thin strips. Mince **garlic**. Halve **baguettes** lengthwise. Heat grill pan or outdoor grill over medium-high heat.



## Make the Garlic Vinaigrette

Stir together garlic, Champagne vinegar, 1 Tbsp. olive oil,  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. salt, and  $\frac{1}{4}$  tsp. pepper in a mixing bowl. Set aside to let flavors marry.



## **Toast the Pine Nuts**

Place a small non-stick pan over medium heat. Add **pine nuts** to hot pan and stir often until lightly browned, 3-4 minutes. As soon as nuts smell toasted, immediately remove from pan to avoid burning.



## **Toast the Baguettes**

Spray cut side of each **baguette half** with **cooking spray**. Place on grill or grill pan, cut side down, and toast until lightly charred, 1-3 minutes.



## **Grill and Crush the Tomatoes**

Spray grill or grill pan with **cooking spray**. Place **grape tomatoes** on grill and cook until slightly charred and softened, 2-4 minutes. Transfer tomatoes to another mixing bowl and gently crush. Season with ½ tsp. **salt** and stir.



## Finish the Dish

Build tartines by placing a serving of **charred tomatoes** and **mozzarella** on a toasted **baguette half**. Drizzle each tartine with 1 tsp. **vinaigrette** and garnish with **basil** and **pine nuts**. Toss **spinach** with remaining vinaigrette and serve **salad** on the side.