Recipe: Eggplant Caponata

Ingredients:

1 eggplant, diced

1 red bell pepper, diced

1 red onion, diced

2 tomatoes, diced

1 clove garlic

2 Tbsp. olive oil

2 Tbsp. capers

1/4 cup Sicilian Olives

2 Tbsp. red wine vinegar

Salt & Pepper to taste



Instructions:

- 1. Prepare ingredients and heat oil in skillet over medium heat
- Add eggplant, pepper, onion, garlic and cook until eggplant is soft and brown, around 10-15 minutes
- 3. Add tomatoes with juice, capers, olives and vinegar
- 4. Cover and simmer until very tender, around 12 minutes
- 5. Season with salt and pepper
- 6. Serve and Enjoy!

This salsa can be served:

- 1– As an appetizer on toast points or baguette slices with goat cheese
- 2- As part of an entrée over fish or chicken

Nutrition: Entire Recipe

Servings depend on how you decide to serve caponata

Calories: 599

Protein: 12 grams Sodium: 1036 mg

Potassium: 2679 mg

Fiber: 28 grams

Carb. Exchange: 4.5

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- ⇒ In season locally July through November
- ⇒ Harvested at 3/4 their normal size, otherwise they taste sour and spongy
- ⇒ Actually considered a berry and is related to tomatoes!
- ⇒ Made of 90% water = low in calories!
- ⇒ Rich in Vitamins B6 & C, potassium and fiber, making them heart healthy!
- ⇒ Contain antioxidants that help balance blood cholesterol levels and reduce inflammation





Resources: http://www.well-beingsecrets.com/eggplant-health-benefits/; www.commonmarket.com