MARLEY SPOON



Pasta alla Norma

with Eggplant & Parmesan





This traditional Sicilian dish combines fresh tomato and basil sauce with creamy eggplant. Pan-fried eggplant gets braised in a rich, flavorful tomato sauce and then tossed with casarecce and Parmesan before serving. A red leaf salad with balsamic vinaigrette completes the meal.

What we send

- 1 head red leaf lettuce
- garlic
- 1 eggplant
- 14½ oz whole peeled tomatoes
- 1 red onion
- 2 (¾ oz) Parmesan 1
- 6 oz gemelli ²
- 2 oz balsamic vinaigrette
- ¼ oz fresh parsley

What you need

- · kosher salt & ground pepper
- · olive oil

Tools

- box grater
- large skillet

Allergens

Milk (1), Wheat (2). May contain traces of other allergens. Packaged in a facility that packages gluten containing products.

Nutrition per serving

Calories 1010kcal, Fat 51g, Carbs 106g, Protein 26g



1. Prep ingredients

Bring a large pot of **salted water** to a boil. Trim stem-end from **eggplant**, then cut into 1-inch cubes. Peel and cut **onion** into ½-inch pieces. Peel and finely chop **2 teaspoons garlic**. Cut **tomatoes** in the can with kitchen shears until finely chopped.



2. Brown eggplant

Heat ¼ cup oil in a large skillet over medium-high. Add eggplant, 1 teaspoon salt, and a few grinds pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until eggplant is browned and tender, 7-8 minutes. Meanwhile, pick parsley leaves from stems; chop leaves, reserving whole stems for step 4. Grate Parmesan on the large holes of a box grater.



3. Add aromatics

Add **onions**, **2 tablespoons oil**, and **a pinch of salt** to skillet. Cook, stirring frequently, until softened, about 5 minutes. Add **garlic** to skillet and cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds.



4. Make sauce

Add tomatoes and their juices, whole parsley stems, ¼ cup water, and a pinch each salt and pepper. Cook over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally, until sauce is thick and stewy and eggplant is very tender, about 10 minutes. Remove basil stems from sauce and discard.



5. Cook pasta

Add **pasta** to boiling water and cook, stirring, until al dente, 10-12 minutes. Reserve 1/4 cup pasta water; drain pasta well. Add pasta, reserved pasta water, half each of the chopped parsley and Parmesan to skillet and cook over low heat, stirring frequently, until sauce thickens slightly, about 30 seconds. Remove from heat. Season to taste with salt and pepper.



6. Make salad & serve

Tear half of the lettuce leaves into bitesized pieces (save remaining half for own use). In a large bowl, toss with balsamic vinegar; season to taste with salt and pepper. Add torn lettuce and half of the remaining Parmesan, tossing to combine. Serve pasta garnished with remaining parsley and Parmesan. Enjoy!