FRENCH · SAUCE

Sauce Vierge (Warm Tomato, Olive Oil and Herb Sauce)

20 min · Makes 8 × 2 tbsp · 108 kcal a portion · Video 7:48 · French Cooking Academy

Vegan · Gluten-free ingredients · Nut-free

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Good olive oil with fresh tomato, shallot and herbs, warmed gently rather than cooked down: 2 tbsp give about 110 kcal, nearly all from unsaturated fat, and about 1 g of net carbs. Vegan and keto-friendly.

Diet notes: Keto (1.3 g net carbs a serve).

Ingredients

11 · MAKES 8 × 2 TBSP

- [ ] 3½ oz **ripe tomatoes**, peeled, seeded and diced
- [ ] ½ cup **virgin olive oil** (the best you can get)
- [ ] 1 **garlic** clove, pressed
- [ ] ¾ oz **shallot**, finely diced
- [ ] 1 tsp **coriander seeds**, crushed
- [ ] 1 tbsp **balsamic vinegar**
- [ ] 2 tbsp chopped **fresh herbs** (mostly basil, a little tarragon; or chervil, parsley, chives)
- [ ] a pinch of **white sugar**
- [ ] **salt**, to taste
- [ ] **black pepper**, to taste
- [ ] a squeeze of **lemon juice** (optional)

Amounts in US units, converted from the cook's and rounded — the video has the originals.

Contains: none of the common allergens in the listed ingredients. Check labels on stock, sauces and spice mixes.

Method

TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Peel, seed and finely dice the tomatoes; finely dice the shallot, press the garlic and lightly crush the coriander seeds. 2:27
2. Put the olive oil and garlic in a small saucepan, then add the shallot, crushed coriander and the tomatoes. 3:15
3. Warm over low heat for 5–6 minutes, stirring gently. It should never boil: the tomatoes should stay as diced pieces, not turn into a tomato sauce. 3:50
4. Turn off the heat and stir in the balsamic vinegar and chopped herbs. Leave for 2–3 minutes. 4:05
5. Season with salt, pepper and a pinch of sugar to balance the acidity, plus a squeeze of lemon if you like. Serve lukewarm or at room temperature over grilled fish or vegetables; it gets better as it sits. 4:46

> **Tip** The recipe is for 4 people as a generous spoonful each; we count 8 portions of 2 tbsp. Lovely over grilled snapper, sea bass, chicken or roast vegetables.

The method is a summary in our words — the video shows every step.

One portion (2 tbsp) gives you

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ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
108 kcal	0.3 g	1.7 g	0.4 g	11 g	30 mg
450 kJ	1% of a day	1.3 g net · 0.9 g sugars	1% of a day	1.6 g saturated	1% of a day
		1% of a day		15% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 5% · protein 1% · fat 94% — fits keto: 1.3 g net carbs, 94% of the energy from fat

Source of (10–19%) Vitamin E 11% · Vitamin K 10%

Recipe and video: French Cooking Academy (@FrenchCookingAcademy) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=ObG0o2OTrec, published 13 May 2021. All credit for the recipe goes to the cook; please watch and support their channel.

By Notbroken: the method summary, the unit conversions, the diet notes and the nutrition estimate — worked out from the ingredient list with USDA FoodData Central values; % of a day compares one serve with the US FDA daily values on food labels (2,000 kcal). Brands, portions and cooking change the real numbers.

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