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Chilled Fire Roasted Tomato Soup & Parmigiano Reggiano Herb Toasts with Bollini Pinot Grigio



Time: 50 Minutes Serves 6

6 slices day-old French or Italian bread, each about 1/2 "thick

1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil, divided

1/4 cup grated Parmigiano Reggiano (about 4 oz.)

2 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley

2 Tbsp. chopped fresh oregano

14 large plum tomatoes, stems removed (3-4 lbs.)

1 1/3 cup chopped onion

4 large garlic cloves, thinly sliced

1 14-oz.low sodium chicken broth

Balsamic vinegar

salt and pepper

- 1. Preheat grill and reduce heat to medium or preheat oven to 450°F. Brush both sides of bread with 1 Tbsp. oil, and grill or bake until crisp on both sides, about 4 minutes.
- 2. In a medium bowl, combine cheese, parsley and oregano. Press the warm toasted bread into the cheese mixture to coat both sides. Set aside with remaining cheese mixture.
- 3. Place tomatoes into a large bowl. Drizzle 2 Tbsp. oil over tomatoes and toss to coat. Cook directly on the grill rack or bake on a sheet pan in the oven, turning to cook all sides, until soft and skin is cracked, about 10-15 minutes. Remove and set
- 4. In a large non-reactive saucepan over high heat, cook and stir onion in remaining 1 Tbsp. oil until tender, about 2 minutes. Add garlic and cook and stir 1 minute. Add tomatoes and chicken broth and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium, cover and simmer for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally to break up tomatoes.
- 5. Puree soup using an immersion blender or food processor, and season to taste with salt, pepper and 1-2 Tbsp. good quality Balsamic vinegar.
- 6. To serve, divide the remaining cheese-herb mixture between six bowls and swirl in; top each bowl with one Parmesan toast.