

Chef Julian Pancer's Fall Harvest Salad

with Green and Red Kale, Roasted Golden Beets, Maple-Glazed Carrots, Granny Smith Apple, Goat Cheese, Toasted Seeds, and a Maple Apple Cider Vinaigrette

Serves 4

Ingredients for salad

- 2 large bunches of kale, 1 red and 1 green
- 4-6 golden beets
- 2 medium carrots
- 1 Granny Smith Apple, thinly sliced in ½-inch length slices
- 1 cup goat cheese
- ½ cup mixture of sunflower and pumpkin seeds, raw and unsalted
- ½ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp ground cinnamon
- ¼ cup maple syrup
- 2 tsp fresh thyme, minced



Ingredients for vinaigrette

- 1 tsp grainy Dijon mustard
- 2 tsp shallot, minced
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 2 tsp fresh mint, minced
- 2 tsp maple syrup
- ¼ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp ground black pepper
- 50ml apple cider vinegar
- 150ml Extra-Virgin Olive Oil

Directions

For the Kale:

1. Strip the kale from the thick stems and tear into smaller pieces.

For the Beets:

- Preheat oven to 400F.
- 2. Cut the leaved off the beets and wash well. Wrap beets in an aluminum foil pouch (divided into separate pouches if there is a large variance in size). Place pouches on a parchment-lined baking tray and bake for 50-60 minutes, depending on size. Turn over half way through cooking. Beets are done when a paring knife slips in and out with ease.
- 3. Open the pouches and allow the beets to cool.
- 4. Peel beets by rubbing with paper towel.
- 5. Trim a the stem off the top and bottom. Cut beets into ½-inch wedges and reserve.

For the Carrots:

- 1. Peel and cut carrots in 1-inch wedges, similar to the shape of the beet wedges.
- 2. Place carrot pieces in a medium pan with 2 cups of water. Simmer carrot on medium heat until tender (you may need to add more water while cooking).
- 3. Once the water has dissipated, add ½ tsp salt, ¼ tsp ground cinnamon, ¼ cup maple syrup, and 2 tsp fresh minced thyme to the pan.
- Continue cooking while folding the carrots until they are nicely glazed and there is no leftover maple syrup in the pan. Reserve the carrots in a bowl and the same pan for later.

For the Seeds:

- 1. In a small pan on low heat, toast seeds and stir until lightly golden brown.
- 2. Remove seeds from the pan and reserve.

For the vinaigrette:

- 1. Either by whisking or using a blender, blend all ingredients for the vinaigrette, except for the olive oil.
- 2. While whisking rapidly or blending, slowly pour in the olive oil and mix until emulsified.

To Complete the Salad:

- 1. Using the same pan as the carrots, on medium heat, add the carrots, beets, and vinaigrette and heat until warm.
- 2. Add the chopped kale and fold all ingredients together. Cook only until kale is slightly wilted.
- 3. Plate or platter the kale, carrots, and beets.
- 4. Garnish the salad with the sliced apple, toasted seeds, and crumbled goat cheese.
- 5. Serve immediately and enjoy!