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Cherry Ginger Chutney

Sweet and tangy, complex flavored Cherry Ginger Chutney lets you savor cherry season for months after you've eaten your last fresh cherry. As this is a chutney, do let it sit for at least a few days in the fridge before you enjoy it. This allows time for the mellowing of vinegar's acidity.

Thank you, Canal House ladies for inspiring this recipe.

Makes just over 2 cups

Total Time 1 hour

(The actual time depends on how long it takes you to pit the cherries.)

Ingredients

4 cups pitted dark, sweet cherries (about 1 ½ pounds with pits)

1/3 cup light, local honey

1/3 cup dried cranberries

½ cup plus 2 teaspoons red wine vinegar

2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar

1/4 cup minced crystallized ginger

1 tablespoon drained capers

Large pinch red pepper flakes

2 twists freshly ground pepper

Directions

- 1. Pit and halve the cherries.
- 2. Add the cherries to a medium sauté pan along with all the remaining ingredients.
- 3. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, for 20 minutes.
- 4. Remove from the heat and transfer to storage containers. Cherry Ginger Chutney keeps refrigerated for a couple of months, or frozen for up to a year.
- 5. To mellow the sharpness of the vinegar, let Cherry Ginger Chutney sit for a few days in the refrigerator before enjoying it as a topping, spread, sauce or condiment.