Albacore Tuna Niçoise

Prep time: 1 hour

Difficulty: Medium

Dressing:

⅓ cup lemon juice

through a garlic press **3 T. finely chopped shallot**

2 T. Dijon mustard*

Salt and pepper

1 T. finely chopped thyme

¾ cup oil from tuna confit

1 clove of garlic, grated or pressed

Serves: 2-4

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½ Ib. albacore tuna per person*
2 cups olive oil*
2 bay leaves
1 sprig rosemary
3 cloves garlic, peeled
1 dried hot chili
1 lb. new potatoes
½ cup pitted Niçoise olives
1 egg per person
½ lb. green beans or Romano beans, stending

 ½ Ib. green beans or Romano beans, stems removed, cut into 1" chunks

 1 large heirloom tomato, cut into bite size pieces

 1 bunch parsley, roughly chopped
 *Available at

 1 medium sized red onion cut into 1/4" wide slices
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Feel free to add radishes, fresh crispy lettuces, cucumbers, avocados or whatever other summer vegetables you love the most.

Cut the albacore into 1½" medallions and salt well on all sides. Place the medallions in a small saucepan with the crushed garlic, bay leaves, rosemary, olive oil and dried chili. The fish should be fully submerged in oil. Place it over low heat until the oil is warm, it should not be hot or simmering, just warm to the touch.

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An elegant composed salad that can be made ahead of time. It is a fresh and versatile main dish salad that will definitely please the palate.

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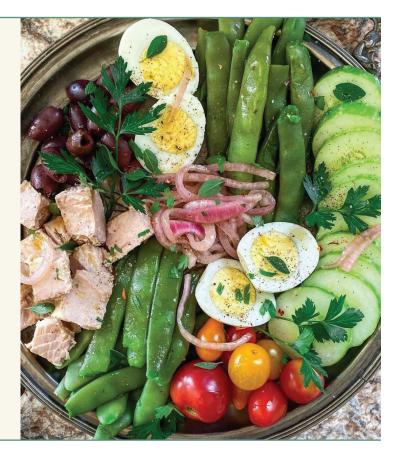
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Continue cooking for 8-12 minutes. Check the fish with a paring knife, it should be slightly raw in the center. Remove the pot from the heat and let the fish rest in the oil until you are ready to make your salad.

Clean your potatoes well and place them in a saucepot, cover them in water and salt it well. Bring the water up to a boil and add your eggs, set a timer for 8 minutes and then reduce it to a simmer. When the timer goes off, remove the eggs and shock them in ice water. Continue to cook the potatoes until they are fork tender, then add in your green beans, cook for another two minutes then strain, rinsing with a bit of cold water. Cut the potatoes into bite sized pieces.

To finish, make your dressing by combining all of the dressing ingredients and mixing well; season to taste. Toss the potatoes and green beans with half of the dressing. Place the potatoes and green beans in the refrigerator until they are cold.

To plate, get a large platter and make mounds of each ingredient, including the tuna. Drizzle the remaining dressing over the entire salad and sprinkle fresh parsley on top. Enjoy! Niçoise salad is also wonderful as leftovers.



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