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Selection Info

Look for large, firm, bright, shiny cherries. Make sure stems are nice and green.

Sweet cherries should be a darker red or yellow and larger than sour cherries.

Preparation

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Cherries can be eaten right off the stem. Cherries can also be cooked in a variety of desserts, recipes, and jams.

Watch how to remove cherry pits. Wash cherries under a cold stream of water just before use to ensure freshness.

Storage

Short-Term Storage: Cherries can be stored in a refrigerator for 3-5 days in a shallow container to avoid bruising. Remember to rinse cherries just before eating to avoid deterioration.

Long-Term Storage: You can freeze both sweet and sour cherries can be frozen. You can also can sour cherries. And you can also make jellies and jams from cherries.

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KALE, QUINOA, AND CHERRY SALAD

Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 3 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 1/2 cups (6 ounces) baby kale
- 1 1/2 packages (8.5 ounces) precooked quinoa and brown rice blend
- 3/4 cup fresh sweet cherries (pitted and halved)
- 2/3 cup fresh flat-leaf parsley (chopped)
- 1/3 cup shallots (thinly sliced)
- 1 15-ounce can unsalted chickpeas (rinsed and drained)
- 2 ounces goat cheese (crumbled, about 1/2 cup)



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Directions

1. Combine first olive oil, cider vinegar, honey, Dijon mustard, pepper, and salt in a medium bowl.
2. Place kale in a medium bowl and toss with 1 1/2 teaspoons of the oil mixture.
3. Place dressed kale on a platter.
4. Stir quinoa blend, cherries, parsley, shallots, and chickpeas into the remaining oil mixture.
5. Top kale mixture with quinoa mixture and cheese.

Nutrition Information

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