Orange Caramelized Cabbage & Couscous



Outrageously delicious! The umami flavor of the slowly sautéed cabbage combines beautifully with the sweetness of the orange caramelized onions and perfectly seasoned wholegrain couscous! The chickpeas are a nice protein addition.

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Cuisine Moroccan

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Ingredients

• 1 cup whole wheat couscous dry

• Dressing:

• Juice of 1 large orange about 1/2 cup

• Juice of 1 small lemon about 1/4 cup

• 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil

• 1/2 tsp turmeric

• 1/4 tsp salt

• Caramelized Cabbage:

• 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil

• 1 medium yellow onion thinly sliced

• 1 small curly cabbage sliced or chopped finely

• 1 small red cabbage *sliced* or chopped finely

"small cabbage" = fist sized

• Juice of 1 large orange about 1/2 cup

• 1 15 oz can chickpeas (rinsed & drained)

• 1/2 tsp salt

• fresh ground pepper to taste

Instructions

- 1. Place dry, uncooked couscous in a large salad bowl.
- 2. Mix all the dressing ingredients together and pour over the dry couscous, stirring once to coat well and let it sit for 10 minutes, uncovered.
- 3. Meanwhile, heat 1/4 cup of olive oil in a large pan and sautee the onions for a few minutes, until soft.
- 4. Add the chopped cabbage to the pan (don't worry it will seem like a lot but it will cook down-I promise!) and stir often to coat with oil, continuing to cook on medium heat for 20 minutes.
- 5. Add the 1/2 cup of fresh orange juice, chickpeas and salt and continue to cook, uncovered for an additional 10-15 minutes, until the cabbage is of a golden color.
- 6. Turn off the heat, and let it cool a little bit.
- 7. When ready to serve, gently stir the caramelized cabbage/onions with the "marinated" couscous in the salad bowl (see video clip below).
- 8. You can serve this dish, hot, or at room temperature or even cold the next day--all superb!

