Seared Salmon w/Balsamic-Blistered Tomatoes Intermediate Lifestyle

INGREDIENTS

- 1 1/2 TBS olive oil, divided
- 4 (6-oz.) salmon fillets, about 1 in. thick
- 1 TSP kosher salt, divided
- 1 TSP freshly ground black pepper, divided
- 2/3 cup thinly sliced shallots
- 3 cups cherry tomatoes
- 1/2 cup torn basil leaves, divided
- 2 TBS balsamic vinegar

INSTRUCTIONS

- —Preheat the oven to 500°. Line a rimmed baking sheet with foil.
- —Heat 1 TBS oil in a large cast-iron skillet over high. Sprinkle fillets evenly with 1/2 TSP salt and 1/2 TSP pepper. Add fillets to pan; cook 4 minutes on one side or until golden brown. Place fillets, seared side up, on prepared baking sheet; bake at 500°F for 4 minutes or until desired degree of doneness.
- —Return skillet to medium-high. Add remaining 1 1/2 TSP oil to pan. Add shallots, and sauté 2 minutes. Add remaining 1/2 TSP salt, remaining 1/2 TSP pepper, tomatoes, and 1/3 cup basil; cook 2 minutes or until tomatoes begin to break down. Stir in vinegar, and cook 1 minute.
- —Place 1 fillet on each of 4 plates; top evenly with tomato mixture and remaining basil.

SERVING INFO: (Yields 4 serving):

1 fillet + 1/2 cup tomato mixture = 1 P, 1 V

See photo of recipe at Instagram and Facebook.