Frizzly Pear Salad

24 Servings

Ingredients

48 cups loosely packed frisee or other hearty green

3 cups Pear Balsamic Vinaigrette, divided (recipe follows)

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

1 #10 can (12 cups) Pacific Northwest Canned Pears, slices,

drained and juice reserved

12 cups (about 6 pounds) julienned smoked ham

6 cups (2-1/4 pounds) julienned roasted red peppers

6 cups (1 pound 14 ounces) pitted Kalamata olives

6 cups (18 ounces) shaved Parmesan cheese

48 Parmesan crouton toasts (optional)

6 cups (2-1/4 pounds) feta cheese, crumbled (optional)

PEAR BALSAMIC VINAIGRETTE

2 cups olive oil

1 cup reserved Pacific Northwest Canned Pear juice

1 cup balsamic vinegar

2 tablespoons kosher salt

Freshly ground black pepper to taste

Servings

Makes 24 (4 cup) servings

Nutrition

Calories Calories from Fat 390 Fat 44g Saturated Fat 11g Cholesterol 80mg Sodium 3100mg Carbohydrate 36g Dietary Fiber 4g Sugar 18g Protein 31g 80% DV Vitamin A Vitamin C 30% DV Calcium 35% DV Potassium 6% DV Iron 8% DV

Optional ingredients (croutons and feta) not used in calculations



Method

For each serving, place 2 cups greens in a small bowl, drizzle with about 1 tablespoon Pear Balsamic Vinaigrette and gently toss to coat. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Place 2 cups of dressed greens in the center of each of 24 large chilled plates. Top with 1/2 cup pear slices, 1/2 cup ham, 1/4 cup red peppers, 1/4 cup olives and 1/4 cup Parmesan. Drizzle an additional tablespoon of Pear Balsamic Vinaigrette over the ingredients on top of the greens and serve immediately with the optional croutons or feta cheese, and additional vinaigrette on the side.

PEAR BALSAMIC VINAIGRETTE

In the jar of a blender, combine the oil, pear juice, vinegar, salt and pepper. Blend on high speed until smooth and emulsified. Cover and let stand at 2 hours before serving.

Makes 4 cups