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### **Arugula, Heirloom Tomato & Whipped Ricotta Salad**

Serves 4 - 6

Whipped ricotta turns this salad into a creamy, dreamy delight! Spicy arugula complements the lemon-y, smooth whipped ricotta and the ripe grape tomatoes punctuate each bite with bursts of brightness.

#### ***Salad Ingredients:***

15 oz fresh ricotta cheese  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice  
1 teaspoon lemon zest  
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt  
6 oz arugula  
Heirloom cherry tomatoes  
Basil, chiffonade cut for garnishing

#### ***Vinaigrette Ingredients:***

3 tablespoons olive oil  
1 tablespoon white wine vinegar  
Juice of half a lemon  
Salt and pepper

#### ***Directions:***

1. In a food processor or high-powered blender, whip the ricotta with olive oil, fresh lemon juice, lemon zest, and salt until very smooth.
2. Whisk the vinaigrette ingredients together in a small jar.
3. Toss the arugula with the vinaigrette. Spread the ricotta on a large serving plate.
4. Top the ricotta layer with arugula, heirloom cherry tomatoes, and a garnish of basil.