

The Russian River Valley Original

Salad with Pears, Pecans and Gorgonzola Serves 8

INGREDIENTS:

½ cup pecans or walnuts, toasted & broken

2 ripe, firm Bosc pears

I Tablespoons lemon juice

8 cups mixed organic baby lettuces or spring greens

1/3 cup Gorgonzola cheese, sliced & crumbled into pieces

Raspberry-Walnut Vinaigrette:

3 Tablespoon raspberry vinegar

4 Tablespoon walnut oil

4 Tablespoon vegetable or olive oil

I teaspoon Dijon mustard

Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Directions:

Toast pecan halves for 8-10 minutes at 375° on a cookie sheet. Cool. Assemble greens in a large bowl. Set aside. Peel pears & cut into quarters, trim. Thinly slice. Place in a bowl and cover with a solution of lemon juice & water to prevent browning. To serve: lightly dress salad greens with vinaigrette, drain and fan pear slices on top with I/8 amount of Gorgonzola and pecans. Drizzle I teaspoon vinaigrette over pears, nuts and cheese. Garnish with nasturtium flowers if desired.

