

VITALITY

Sensational Salads

Beefsteak Tomato with Mozzarella & Fresh Basil



INGREDIENTS:

- 2 ripe Beefsteak tomatoes (large firm ripe)
- 8 oz. fresh water-packed mozzarella cheese
- 8 fresh basil leaves
- Drizzle of Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- Drizzle Balsamic Vinegar (optional)
- freshly ground black pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS:

Remove a thin sliver from side of tomato (so it sits securely on a plate). Slice the tomato with a sharp knife (only $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way to the bottom with each slice) do not slice all the way down. Make a slice about every $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch. Slice the fresh mozzarella into rounds and insert gently inside the tomato where it was sliced. Add and insert basil leaves in each slice. Drizzle with EVOO and or / balsamic vinegar. Serve immediately.