

GUASTELLO'S VILLAGE MARKET

The Ultimate Greek Salad

Serves 4

Ingredients

2 ounces red onion (1/4 medium 8-ounce onion), thinly sliced pole to pole
1/4 cup red wine vinegar
12 ounces mixed ripe tomatoes, cut into slices and chunks (about 2 heaping cups when cut up)
12 ounces cucumber (about 2 small cucumbers), peeled (or partially peeled or unpeeled, if you want some of the bitter skin); quartered lengthwise; and thinly sliced crosswise
1/4 cup pitted Kalamata or other briny black olives
1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for drizzling
Kosher or sea salt
2 big pinches dried Greek or Mediterranean oregano, divided
4 ounces feta cheese, preferably cut into slabs

In a small bowl, combine onion with vinegar and let soak while you prepare the other ingredients, about 15 minutes. Drain onions, reserving vinegar.

In a salad bowl or large mixing bowl, combine tomatoes, cucumber, olives, onion, olive oil, and about 2 tablespoons of the vinegar left over from quick-pickling onion. Season with salt and one large pinch of oregano, toss gently to combine, then adjust to taste with more salt and vinegar, if desired.

Lay slabs of feta on top, sprinkle with remaining pinch of oregano, and drizzle with olive oil. Serve, soaking up juices with bread.

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