## Arun's Summer Sunshine Salad

## Spiced Nectarine, Chickpea & Feta



The combination of fresh, invigorating garden mint, sweet juicy nectarines, soft-bite nutty chickpeas and gently salty feta cheese brought beautifully together with our vibrant Sunny Sunshine Dressing is truly one to savour. Glass of your favourite tipple in hand, picnic rugs, friends, family ....this surprisingly quick salad goes with any meal from sausages, to steak to fish to juicy chicken thighs; its freshness is the key. A 'slice' of pure summer on your fork!

Serves 4 - 6

**Ingredients** 

Nectarine, ripe 2 or 3

Icing sugar 1 heaped tblsp

Red onion ½, sliced very thinly (you can use a mandolin for this)

Lime juice 1 lime, juiced

Irish goats cheese, soft 50g

Chickpeas 2 tins, drained and rinsed (organic are best) OR 400g dried weight, soaked overnight,

then re-hydrated

Wild rocket leaves, freshly picked small handful, wash carefully & dry (approx. 60g), torn

Mint leaves good handful, roughly chopped Feta cheese 60g, sliced and crumbled roughly

100ml of Green Saffron's 'Sunny Sunshine Dressing' made by combining these ingredients:

Store what's left in your fridge 'til next time!

**Dressing Ingredients:** 

150ml Rapeseed oil 2 tsp Green Saffron Garam Masala blend (available on

Juice of 1 orange line)

Zest of half an orange 1 tblsp Sweet Mirin 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce 2 tsp White wine vinegar

1 tsp salt

## Method:

1. Place the sliced red onions into the lime juice and set aside for at least 1 hour

- 2. Make the 'Sunshine' dressing by whisking all the dressing ingredients together in a small bowl
- 3. Place the nectarines onto your chopping board and cut each of them into four wedges, slicing down around the stone
- 4. Discard the stone, then cut the wedges again so you have eight nice, chunky 'slices' per fruit
- 5. Using a sieve, dust the slices with the icing sugar on both sides. Grab a non-stick fry pan and, using no oil, quickly sear, dry fry the fruit slices in small batches so they are only just caramelised on both sides, then pop them onto a wire rack to cool
- 6. Take the onions out of the lime juice. Holding the onions in one hand over your sink, squeeze out the liquid with a firm, but gentle touch and set aside for a moment.
- 7. Take a large mixing bowl from your cupboard. Add 100ml of the dressing, mix with the soft goats cheese, then add all the other ingredients and gently combine to lightly coat everything
- 8. Serve chilled with Green Saffron's Tandoori chicken, fish or steak, crusty bread and lashings of your favourite summer cordial. Or simply enjoy by itself!