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BABY EGGPLANT SICILIAN CAPONATA

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2 Pure Flavor® Baby Eggplants, peeled and cut into half-inch cubes

12 oz Pure Flavor® Mini San Marzano Tomatoes

2 ¼ tbsp finely chopped celery

1/8 onion, finely chopped

1/8 garlic clove, minced

1 ½ green olives, pitted and coarsely chopped

½ tsp drained capers

1/8 tsp minced basil

3/4 teaspoon balsamic vinegar

1 cup tomato sauce

1 cup chopped parsley

½ cup olive oil

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Heat half the olive oil in a large pan over medium heat. Add celery; cook, stirring often, until translucent. Add onion and garlic; do not let the garlic char. Cook for about 5 minutes or until onion become translucent. Remove ingredients from pan and set aside.
- 2. Heat remaining olive oil in the skillet. Add eggplant and cook, stirring constantly, until lightly browned 5 to 7 minutes. Stir in celery mixture, tomatoes, olives, capers, tomato sauce and basil. Cook on a low to medium heat until eggplants absorb the sauce and ingredients are tender about 8-10 minutes.
- 3. Season caponata with remaining ingredients, to taste. Top with chopped parsley and serve!

