## Southwestern Quinoa Salad with Chile-Lime Vinaigrette

- 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cups quinoa
- 1 pound frozen white corn or 3 cups freshly cut corn
- 1 15 oz can black beans, strained and rinsed
- 2 large tomato, diced
- 1 large avocado, peeled, seeded and cubed
- Vinaigrette
- 2 large garlic cloves, minced

- jalapeno chile, seeded & minced
- $\frac{1}{3}$  cup olive oil
- 3 Tbs fresh lime juice
- 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  Tbs wine vinegar 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp ground cumin
- 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp grou 1/2 tsp salt
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup cilantro, chopped
- 1 Rinse quinoa thoroughly with cold water. This is VERY IMPORTANT, as it removes the bitter taste of the quinoa.
- 2 Combine 2 cups of water with quinoa in medium saucepan. Bring to a boil, cover, reduce heat to a simmer and cook10 minutes. Then add in frozen corn. Continue cooking for 5 minutes or until quinoa is al dente. Drain.

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- 3 While quinoa is cooking, drain black beans and dice tomatoes. Place in salad bowl.
- 4 Mix all vinaigrette ingredients in food processor, a bowl or salad dressing shaker.
- 5 After draining quinoa/corn mixture, add to salad bowl. Mix, top with cubed avocado, garnish with more cilantro and serve.

Servings: 6 Preparation Time: 10 minutes Cooking Time: 15 minutes Total Time: 25 minutes

## **Nutrition Facts**

Nutrition (per serving): 431 calories, 185 calories from fat, 21.2g total fat, 0mg cholesterol, 207.1mg sodium, 848.5mg potassium, 53.9g carbohydrates, 10.5g fiber, 4.5g sugar, 11.7g protein.

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