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# Vegetarian Basil & Lemon Pesto Pasta

with toasted almonds & fresh lemon

Indulge in a creamy & tangy pasta dish with this vegetarian recipe. Al dente pasta is tossed in olive oil, and then smothered in a buttery sauce with sun-dried tomatoes, pesto, and shredded spinach. The dish is completed with a refreshing squeeze of lemon juice, toasted almonds, and garnished with sliced chili & lemon zest. Perfect for a quick & delicious meat-free Monday meal!

Hands-on Time: 30 minutes

Overall Time: 35 minutes

**Serves:** 4 People

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Quick & Easy

Paserene | Bright Chardonnay

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# Ingredients & Prep

500g Whole Wheat Fusilli Pasta
40g Almonds
60ml Cake Flour
400ml Low Fat Fresh Milk
120g Sun-dried Tomatoes
drained & roughly
chopped
160ml Pesto Princess Basil &

80g Spinach rinsed & roughly shredded

Lemon Pesto

Lemon

zested & cut into wedges

1 Fresh Chilli de-seeded & finely sliced

#### From Your Kitchen

Oil (cooking, olive or coconut)

Salt & Pepper Water

Butter

1. PRONTO PASTA Bring a pot of salted water to a boil for the pasta. Cook the pasta until al dente, 13-15 minutes. Drain and toss through a drizzle of olive oil.

**2. NUTS ABOUT NUTS** Place the almonds in a pan over a medium heat. Toast until golden brown, 2-4 minutes (shifting occasionally). Remove from the pan and set aside.

3. SAUCE BASE Place a pan over a medium heat with 80g of butter. When hot, fry the flour, 1-2 minutes (shifting constantly). Remove from the heat, and gradually stir in the milk, making sure there are no lumps. Loosen the sauce with water until the desired consistency.

**4. FINISHING TOUCHES** Return the pan with the sauce to a medium heat and bring to a simmer. Stir through the sun-dried tomatoes, the pesto, the cooked pasta, the shredded spinach, a squeeze of lemon juice, and seasoning.

**5. DIG IN** Dish up the creamy pasta. Scatter over the toasted almonds. Garnish with the sliced chilli (to taste) and the lemon zest (to taste). Serve with any remaining lemon wedges. Enjoy!

## **Nutritional Information**

Per 100g

Energy	706kJ
Energy	169kcal
Protein	3.9g
Carbs	20g
of which sugars	3.6g
Fibre	2g
Fat	8.1g
of which saturated	1.2g
Sodium	134mg

### Allergens

Gluten, Dairy, Allium, Wheat, Sulphites, Tree Nuts

Cook within 4 Days