

A Mediterranean Pasta

2 large cloves garlic, minced

3/4 cup onion, finely chopped

2 tablespoons olive oil

2/3 cup sun-dried tomatoes packed in

oil, drained & chopped (about

1/4 pound)

1/2 cup vegetable broth

1/4 cup Kalamata or other brine-cured

black olives, sliced & pitted

1/3 cup fresh parsley leaves, finely

chopped

1/2 pound medium-sized pasta shells

3 ounces mild goat cheese such as

Montrachet, crumbled (about 1 cup), plus additional for sprinkling over the pasta

Yield: 2 servings

In a small skillet over moderatly low hear, sauté garlic and onion in olive oil. Season to taste with salt and pepper to taste.

When onion is soft, add tomatoes and broth and simmer until liquid is reduced by about one third. Stir in olives and parsley. Adjust seasonings. Keep warm.

In a pot of boiling salted water, cook pasta until it is *al dente* and drain well, reserving 1/3 cup of the water.

In a serving bowl whisk 3 ounces of goat cheese with the reserved cooking water until the cheese is melted and the mixture is smooth. Add the pasta and tomato mixture and toss well.

Sprinkle with the additional goat cheese and serve.