

INGREDIENTS

1 1/4 cups walnuts

1 small shallot minced

- 2 tablespoons sherry vinegar
- 2 tablespoons walnut oil
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 2 bunches celery (2 pounds) thinly sliced on the bias
- 3/4 dried pitted Medjool dates quartered lengthwise
- 3 ounces dry pecorino cheese shaved with vegetable peeler

Note:

I like to add a little spinach leaves or a mixed salad for variation.

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Preheat oven to 350f/180f. Spread the walnuts on an oven dish and toast for about 8 minutes, until lightly golden. Let cool completely, then coarsely chop.
- 2. In a small bowl, combine the shallots with the sherry vinegar. Whisk in both the oils and season with salt and pepper.
- 3. In a large bowl, toss the toasted walnuts, celery, dates, and pecorino.
- 4. Add the dressing and toss.

Serve immediately.