Panzanella Salad

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INGREDIENTS

- 4 cups whole wheat bread, cut into cubes
- 1/2 cup MV The Dressing
- · 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1/2 small red onion, thinly sliced and rinsed under cold water
- · 2 ripe tomatoes, cut into chunks or wedges
- 1/2 cup fresh basil leaves
- · Salt and pepper, to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Preheat the oven to 375*F and place cubed bread on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Toss with 3 tablespoons of MV The Dressing. Toast the bread for about 10-15 minutes until lightly golden, then remove it from the oven. Set aside to cool.
- 2. In a small bowl, whisk the remaining MV The Dressing with red wine vinegar and sliced red onion. In a large bowl, toss the toasted bread and tomatoes. Drizzle the dressing and red onions over it and toss with fresh basil leaves. Salt and pepper to taste.
- 3. Let the panzanella salad sit for 15-20 minutes so all the flavors are absorbed.
- 4. Serve at room temperature as a side dish or appetizer.



