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Wild Burgundy Snail Tian

Provençale cooking always evokes images of summer - tomatoes, summer squash, garlic, and fresh herbs. Classically, a tian is a shallow-baked mélange of these icons of summer, served warm aside all manner of protein. Here, as fine escargot encourage creativity, our spin is a delightful warm salad.

Makes 4 Side Dishes

- 12 extra large Wild Burgundy Snails, (four left whole) roughly diced
- 2 medium red tomatoes, flesh only, medium diced
- 4 ounces crimini mushrooms, medium diced and sautéed
- I medium shallot, finely chopped
- 2 small cloves garlic, finely sliced
- I teaspoon Sherry vinegar
- I teaspoon fine olive oil
- I tablespoon whole grain mustard (or 2 tablespoons mashed ripe avocado, plus
- a squeeze of fresh lemon juice)
- salt, white pepper (Sarawak), Thai basil (below)

Stir ingredients together. Cover, and chill for up to four hours. Allow to come back up to room temperature. Add I tablespoon Thai basil, snipped or torn roughly. Serve room-temperature-warm or very gently warmed: over fish, beside steaks, under lamb, or as a salad all it's own (perhaps over baby spinach). Garnish with whole snail and Thai basil sploosh.

Also pictured: grilled bone-in strip steak (ground cumin, ancho pepper, ground fennel seed, herbs de Provence, Tellicherry black pepper); crushed fingerling potatoes (chives, heavy cream); mushroom and sherry vinegar glaze; chive blossom.











