SIMPLE OVEN-ROASTED TOMATO SAUCE



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INGREDIENTS

- 3 Tablespoons Olive Oil
- 4-6 cloves Garlic, chopped
- 1 Shallot, diced
- 3 pounds, ripe Tomatoes
- 1 Tablespoon fresh Oregano (or 1 tsp. dried)
- 1-2 Tablespoons fresh Basil, torn or chopped
- 11/2 teaspoons Salt
- Pepper to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon Sugar (optional)

DIRECTIONS

Step 1: Pre-heat oven to 400 F

Step 2: Drizzle a large, rimmed baking sheet with olive oil. Sprinkle with garlic and shallot.

Step 3: Place the sliced tomatoes cut-side down on the sheet pan and roast 30 minutes. Add the oregano and basil and roast 10 more minutes, or until skins have lifted off the tomatoes.

Step 4: Let cool, pull off the skins, then pour all the tomatoes and their roasting juices into a bowl. Mash with a fork or potato masher. Season with salt and pepper. Sometimes, to bring the flavor around I'll add a little sugar. This depends on your palate and the tomatoes you are using (some are sweeter than others). Start with ½ a teaspoon. Taste, adjust.

Step 5: To use right away, reheat in a pan or pot. Or refrigerate for up to 5 days, or freeze.

Step 6: If freezing in a mason jar, make sure jar and lid are clean and sterile. Let sauce come to room temperature. Fill jars leaving 2 inches headroom at the top of the jar, to prevent jar from breaking- because sauce will expand as it freezes.

Step 7: Thaw in the fridge for 24-48 hours.

