

# FOUR SEASONS OF ITALIAN FLAVOURS

# Flavours of Dolce Vita

Welcome to the enchanting world of Italian gastronomy! This cookbook, *"Four Seasons of Italian Flavours, Volume I*" is much more than just a selection of recipes. It's the fruit of my passionate travels through the remote villages of Italy, from the north to the south of the boot. Having lived in Bologna, the gastronomic capital of Italy, I was able to deepen my culinary knowledge and immerse myself in a rich and tasty culture. Each recipe has been carefully selected and personalized by me, reflecting the culinary riches discovered through my encounters with local artisans and families.



In these pages, you'll discover unique and authentic specialties, most of which you won't find in any other cookbook or even in a restaurant. Whether you're looking for my special recipes, real carbonara or other

Italian dishes unjustly ignored by the general public, each preparation is an invitation to a gustatory journey through Italy.

But that's not all! You'll also discover menu ideas and tips from an Italian chef for a successful dinner party. Whether you want to surprise your guests, prepare a romantic dinner or simply share a generous meal with your family, my recipes are within everyone's reach, with difficulty levels ranging from 1 to 5. Get ready to embark on a unique culinary adventure, where tradition and creativity meet to offer you the very best of Italian gastronomy.

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# Maestro's Utensils



- Scales
- Kitchen knives
- Skimmer
- Food film
- Stainless steel whisk
- Grill pan
- Ladle
- Fresh pasta machine
- Mandoline
- Mixer or blender
- Mortar and pestle
- Rum babà mould
- Springform cake tin
- Ravioli moulds

- Pie moulds
- **B**aking paper
- Pasta strainer
- Kitchen brush
- Serving tongs
- Wooden cutting board
- Gnocchi board
- **B**aking dish
- Garlic press
- Cheese grater
- Rolling pin
- Verrines





# Bruschetta Mille Colori



*Origin*? Central Italy (Tuscany and Lazio). From the Italian "bruscare", "to grill".

Here's my recipe for bruschetta, to bring a sunny, tasty touch to your meal.

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Difficulty 2/5 Low cost Preparation time 40 minutes Cooking time 30 minutes Gluten	Serves 2 Calories 910 kcal Utensils scales, knives, cutting board, pan or grill pan, baking dish Seasons spring, summer
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Country bread 4 slices Burrata cheese 2 Red and yellow cherry tomatoes 600 g Arugula Garlic cloves 2 Fresh basil Oregano Taggiasche olives Extra virgin olive oil	
<b>C</b> ream of balsamic vinegar <b>S</b> alt and pepper	



Preheat the oven to 250°C. Wash the cherry tomatoes, cut them in 2

and place them in a baking dish with olive oil in the bottom. Crush a clove of garlic with your knife and add it to the cherry tomatoes. Season with plenty of salt and add more olive oil on top. Close with a lid and place in the oven for 30 minutes.

2 Cut 4 slices of bread about 1 to 2 cm thick, and surface-grill them in a grill pan or frying pan.

3 Take the toasted bread slices and rub a peeled garlic clove on both sides of each slice. Drizzle with olive oil.

4 Spread one side of each slice of bread with the creamy part of the burrata. Place the arugula leaves on top.

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5 After 30 minutes, remove the tomatoes from the oven and arrange them on the bread slices. Cut the olives in 2, remove the pits and arrange them on top. Add pieces of burrata, fresh basil leaves, oregano, pepper, a drizzle of olive oil and finally the creamy balsamic vinegar.

J To accompany your bruschette mille colori, I recommend a Vermentino or a Fiano, two Italian white wines offering freshness and aromas that marry perfectly with the flavors of burrata, cherry tomatoes and arugula.

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Grazie mille to all, and enjoy your culinary journey to the heart of Italy!





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