# **Farmers' Market Quinoa Salad**

#### Serves 8



## **Ingredients**

- 2 cups dry quinoa
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 3 shallot bulbs, thinly sliced
- 4 cups broccoli florets (or other farmers' market vegetables), blanched
- 12 oz. of your favorite sausage, chopped (optional)
- ½ cup prepared or homemade pesto
- Salt, pepper, and chili flakes to taste
- ¼ cup toasted pine nuts

## **Directions**

- 1. Cook quinoa by simmering in 4 cups water until all water is absorbed (about 20-30 minutes). Set aside.
- Heat shallots in olive oil over medium-high until soft, about 3 minutes. Add broccoli and sauté for another 3-5 minutes until slightly browned, stirring occasionally. Remove from pan.
- 3. Sauté (optional) sausage until cooked through. Return shallots and broccoli to the pan and toss with quinoa, pesto, and seasonings to taste. Top with pine nuts.

#### **Notes**

Toasting Pine Nuts: Place pine nuts in non-stick pan over medium and heat for about 2 minutes, stirring often, until lightly browned.

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