## **Mediterranean Cod & White Bean Stew with Toasted Pine Nuts**

A colorful, protein-balanced Mediterranean bowl featuring tender cod fillets, sweet fennel, juicy tomatoes, and creamy cannellini beans, topped with golden toasted pine nuts for a nutty crunch. This one-pot dish blends the freshness of summer vegetables with the warmth of a light, savory stew — perfect for a healthy, satisfying meal.

Serves: 4

Prep Time: 15 minutes | Cook Time: 20 minutes | Total Time: 35 minutes



## Ingredients:

4 cod fillets (4 oz each)

1 tbsp olive oil

1/2 yellow onion, thinly sliced

1 fennel bulb, thinly sliced

2 garlic cloves, minced

1 zucchini, halved lengthwise and sliced into half-moons

1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved

1 (14.5 oz) can diced tomatoes with juice

1/2 cup dry white wine

2 cups cooked cannellini beans (about 2 [15 oz] cans, drained and rinsed)

1/4 cup pine nuts

1/4 cup pitted Kalamata olives

Salt and pepper, to taste

2 tbsp chopped fresh basil

Lemon wedges, for garnish

## **Directions:**

**Toast the pine nuts** – Place pine nuts in a dry skillet over medium heat. Stir frequently until golden and fragrant, 3–4 minutes. Transfer to a plate to cool.

**Sauté the aromatics** – Heat olive oil in a wide, deep skillet or Dutch oven over medium heat. Add onion and fennel; cook, stirring occasionally, until softened, about 5 minutes.

**Build the vegetable base** – Stir in garlic, zucchini, and cherry tomatoes. Cook for 3 minutes until tomatoes begin to release their juices.

**Create the broth** – Add diced tomatoes with juice, white wine, and cannellini beans. Stir to combine, bring to a gentle simmer, and cook uncovered for 5 minutes to meld flavors.

**Cook the fish** – Nestle the cod fillets into the vegetables, spooning some broth over the top. Cover and simmer gently for 8–10 minutes, or until cod is opaque and flakes easily with a fork.

Finish the dish – Stir in Kalamata olives, taste, and season with salt and pepper.

**Serve** – Ladle vegetables and broth into wide bowls, top each with a cod fillet, sprinkle with toasted pine nuts, and garnish with fresh basil and lemon wedges.