

Eggplant Fricassee

Ingredients

- 3 medium eggplants, unpeeled, rinsed
- 3 medium ripe tomatoes
- 2 sweet onions, thickly sliced
- 1/₃ cup extra virgin olive oil
- ¾ tsp salt
- 1 1 /2 tsp dry thyme (or fresh thyme to taste)
- 1 tsp dry rosemary
- 2 bay leaves
- fresh ground pepper to taste

Directions:

- 1. Preheat the oven 350 F
- 2. Sautee the onions in the olive oil until just soft (about 10 minutes) but not fully cooked (they will continue to cook in the oven) and set aside.
- 3. Cut the eggplants into thick slices (about 1 inch) and the tomatoes into quarters and place them together in a large bowl.
- 4. Add the warm onions (with the oil they are cooked in), the spices, bay leaves, salt and pepper to the bowl and mix gently to coat all the ingredients (see the little video clip below).
- 5. Transfer to a large baking dish in one layer as best you can, and place in preheated oven.
- 6. Bake for an hour (or more depending on your own oven, but make sure they are to the point of being almost caramelized, like the photo), stirring gently twice throughout, to make sure all the juices cover the eggplants.
- 7. Serve with fresh sprigs of thyme.