## **Oven Roast Tomatoes**

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Roasting the tomatoes brings out a sweetness and a maturity of flavor that will build on the flavor of any recipe that calls for tomatoes.

## Ingredients:

About a dozen Roma Tomatoes Olive Oil Balsamic Vinegar Sea Salt

## **Directions:**

NOTE: Unopened fresh tomatoes should NEVER be stored in the refrigerator.

Tomatoes (cooked or raw) that are stored in the refrigerator, will lose flavor complexity as the cold causes certain eleme nts in the flavor profile to breakdown.

Line a large oven-safe casserole pan with aluminum foil Slice the Tomatoes into quarters If you do not like the texture of the seeds, use a spoon to remove them (optional) Place the tomatoes in the large oven-safe casserole pan Drizzle Balsamic Vinegar over the tomato quarters Drizzle Olive Oil over the tomato quarters Sprinkle with a dash of sea salt Mix thoroughly and cover the bottom of the pan with a single layer of tomato slices Place in the oven (cooking times and temperatures are listed below)

Every 30 to 60 minutes, turn each tomato quarter to ensure that all sides are cooking evenly

Note that using lower temperatures for longer cooking times will result in better caramelization and a fuller, sweeter flavo r

Cooking times: 350° = 4.0 hours 400° = 2.5 hours 450° = 1.5 hours

Roasted tomatoes should be used or they can be canned the same day they are roasted. Refrigeration will destroy the c omplex flavors.