## **Oven Roasted Tomato Sauce**

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2 Tbs. olive oil
1 clove garlic, peeled and thinly sliced
8-10 branches of fresh thyme
A few sprigs of fresh rosemary
salt and freshly cracked pepper
1 pound tomatoes (8 small or 4 medium-sized)

Use this recipe in place of fresh tomatoes in a sauce recipe such as Whole Wheat Spaghetti and Spicy Cherry Tomato Sauce

Preheat the oven to 325°.

- 1. Pour the olive oil into a shallow baking dish or pan and add the garlic, thyme, rosemary, salt and pepper.
- 2. Cut the tomatoes in half horizontally, then use a sharp knife to remove the stems if you wish. Toss the tomatoes with the oil and seasonings, then lay them cut side down in the dish.
- 3. Bake for two hours, or until the tomatoes are completely softened and wilted, and start to wrinkle. Depending on the tomatoes, they may take longer to cook.

**Storage**: The tomatoes will keep for about five days in the refrigerator. They can also be frozen for up to six months.