## Homemade Salsa

This recipe makes about 5 cups



## **Ingredients**

**10** roma tomatoes or 5-6 medium tomatoes

½ cup of fresh cilantro

3 jalapenos

1 large onion

4 cloves of garlic

salt to taste

## **Directions:**

- 1. Turn on the oven and set to broil
- 2. Slice the onions into rings (no need to dice them)
- 3. Peel the garlic and leave it whole
- 4. Remove the stem from the tomatoes before cutting them in half
- 5. Arrange the whole jalapeños, sliced onions, peeled garlic, and halved tomatoes on a baking sheet
- 6. Place the vegetables under the broiler and cook until well-charred, flipping them occasionally to ensure even roasting. I like them blackened on all sides.
- 7. Remove the baking sheet from the oven and let the vegetables cool slightly.
- 8. Cut off the stems of the jalapenos and slice them in half. Remove the seeds and set them aside to control the heat level later
- 9. Transfer the roasted vegetables into a food processor or blender and add the cilantro
- 10. Blend until smooth or to your preferred texture
- 11. Taste the salsa and gradually add salt, water, and reserved jalapeño seeds to reach your desired consistency, flavor and heat level.
- 12. Add parchment paper to your trays
- 13. Pour salsa onto trays
- 14. Place dividers (if you choose). We like to use 10 portions per tray
- 15. Pre Freeze
- 16. Freeze dry (my cycle time was 45 hours)
- 17. Store in jars for short-term use or in mylar bags for long-term storage

## Rehydration:

Add about ¾ cup of cold water to 1 cup (or 2 of the 10 divider portions) of freeze-dried salsa. Adjust as needed to desired consistency.