**ROASTED TOMATO BISQUE** 



## **Ingredients:**

3½-4	Pounds	Fresh Tomatoes
5	Tablespoons	Olive Oil, divided
1	Large	Sweet Onion, peeled and chopped (about 1 cup)
3	Large	Garlic Cloves, peeled and minced (about 1 rounded Tbl)
2	Each	Bay Leaves
1/3	Cup	Water
1/4	Teaspoon	Baking Soda
1	Tablespoon	Brown Sugar
2	Slices	Bread, crusts removed and torn into 1" pieces
2	Cups	Vegetable Stock (or chicken stock)
1/2	Teaspoon	Salt
1/4	Teaspoon	Pepper

## **Directions:**

- 1. Preheat oven to 450°. Core and halve (or quarter, if large) the tomatoes. Place in 4 quart stock pot with 3 Tbl olive oil. Toss to coat the tomatoes, then place them on cookie sheet and roast for 20 minutes.
- 2. While tomatoes are roasting, heat the oil remaining in the pan and saute the onion, garlic and bay leaves for 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Mix the baking soda with water and add to pot. Continue simmering until onions are translucent.
- 3. Remove the roasted tomatoes from the oven and place them in the stock pot with the onion and mash them with a potato masher. Stir in the bread and sugar and simmer, stirring occasionally, for about 5 minutes. Remove the bay leaves.
- 4. Add the remaining 2 Tbl olive oil and using an immersion blender (or blender) puree until smooth. Stir in the stock, salt and pepper and heat through.