ARTICHOKES W/LEMON VINAIGRETTE

Advanced Lifestyle

INGREDIENTS

2 large artichokes

1 TBS fresh lemon juice

1/2 TSP grated lemon zest

1 TBS finely chopped shallots

1 TBS extra virgin olive oil

Morton's Lite salt, to taste

freshly ground black pepper

INSTRUCTIONS

- —Slice about 1 inch off the top of each artichoke and trim the stems. Remove the tough outer leaves and trim any sharp, thorny leaf tips with scissors.
- —Place the artichokes, stem end down, in a microwaveable dish with about $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of water. Cover the dish and plastic wrap and microwave on high for 4 to 5 minutes or until the stem end of the artichoke is just tender when pierced with a knife. (The artichokes can be cooked in advance and stored in the refrigerator for up to 2 days.)
- —In a small bowl, whisk the lemon juice, lemon zest, shallots and olive oil together. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.
- —Serve the artichokes with a small bowl of vinaigrette to dip the leave in.

SERVING INFO: (Yields 2 servings)

Serving = 1 artichoke + ½ TB vinaigrette = 1 V, ½ FT