Roasted Fingerling Potatoes with Basil Pesto

Serving size: ½ cup roasted potatoes with pesto

Ingredients:
3 lbs Fingerling potatoes

Pesto:
2 cups fresh basil leaves
½ cup grated parmesan
½ cup extra-virgin olive oil + 2 TBSP for roasting potatoes
1/3 cup pine nuts
3 cloves garlic
Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Line baking sheet with aluminum foil.
2. Toss fingerling potatoes in 2 TBSP olive oil, roast in oven until golden brown and tender (~20-25 minutes).
3. While potatoes are roasting, make the pesto: Add ingredients in blender/food processor, and blend until well mixed (1-2 minutes). Occasionally stop and scrape the sides of blender.
4. Once potatoes are fully cooked, allow to cool and then toss with ½ cup pesto.

Nutrition Tips:
1. Roasting potatoes in olive oil and then tossing them in pesto is an excellent way to keep the moisture, add great flavor, and incorporate heart-healthy fats in place of the butter or sour cream which are full of saturated fats.
2. Potatoes are considered a “starchy vegetable” and therefore should fulfill the starch portion of your balanced plate (similar to pastas, rice, and other grains) rather than replace non-starchy vegetables such as broccoli, carrots, green beans, etc.

Source:
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