Warm Barley Salad with Pomegranate, Walnuts, and Goat Cheese
Serves 9

**Ingredients:**
1 cup dry barley (preferably hulled barley)
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup pomegranate seeds (~1 pomegranate)
1 cup walnuts (chopped, toasted)
6-8 ounces goat cheese (crumbled)
1 tsp dry parsley (divided)

**Directions:**
1. Cook barley: Combine 1 cup dry barley, 3 cups water, salt, and ½ tsp dry parsley in saucepan. Bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer, cover, and cook until the barley is done (~40 minutes). Drain off excess water if necessary.
2. Transfer cooked barley into a large bowl. Fluff with a fork. Mix in pomegranate seeds, walnuts, goat cheese, and ½ tsp dry parsley.

**Nutrition Tips:**
1. Barley comes in two basic forms: hulled and pearl. Hulled barley has had the tough, inedible hull layer removed but retains the nutrient-dense bran and endosperm layers. Hulled barley is considered a “whole grain,” has a nuttier and chewier taste, and contains more nutritional value than its pearled counterpart.
2. Hulled barley will take ~40 minutes to cook, whereas pearled barley will take ~25 minutes to cook.

**Source:**
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