Caprice Salad with Maple Vinaigrette

- 8 c Mesclun salad or torn lettuce
- 3 oz goat cheese, crumbled
- 1/2 lb (250 g) bacon, cooked until crispy, finely chopped into bits
- 4 small russet apples, peeled, cored, cut in eighths, sautéed on medium heat in a tablespoon of butter for 5 minutes
- 3/4 c lightly toasted walnuts

Right after sautéeing apples and toasting nuts, while ingredients are still warm, assemble plates. Divide lettuce and scatter equal amounts of cheese, bacon, apple and walnuts. Serves 4 as a main or 8 as a side dish. For a dreamy salad, serve 3 tablespoons of dressing on the side of each plate in shot glasses.

Maple Vinaigrette

- 1/3 c organic canola oil, organic sunflower oil or olive oil
- 1/4 c balsamic vinegar, red or the sweeter white
- 2 T maple syrup
- 1 1/2 t Dijon mustard

In a medium sized jar, add all ingredients and shake to combine. Refrigerate to store.

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