RADISH*ROSE'S BALSAMIC MUSTARD VINAIGRETTE by radish*rose

Ingredients:

2/3 cup olive oil
1/3 cup balsamic vinegar
1 T. coarse Dijon mustard (use more or less to taste)
Large pinch or two of flaky sea salt, such as Maldon
Several grinds of black pepper
2-3 T. water (optional)

Method:

Place all except water in a container with a tight-fitting lid (like a jelly jar) and shake it. Taste for seasoning (use a lettuce leaf) and add more salt & pepper if needed. Does it seem too thick? Add a little water and shake some more until it's the consistency you like. That's it!

Variations:

You can add...

- A finely minced shallot. This is really good.
- A pressed garlic clove or $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. granulated garlic. This is also really good.

You can substitute....

- Any kind of European vinegar you like sherry, white wine, red wine, champagne, etc. I'll do a separate post on Asian dressings.
- Freshly squeezed lemon juice instead of vinegar.
- Other kinds of mustard besides coarse Dijon. Champagne mustard is really nice if you use lemon juice instead of vinegar.
- Not a fan of mustard whatsoever? Use 1 T. of mayonnaise instead and increase the salt & pepper a bit.
- Fan of neither mustard nor mayo? You can just leave it out altogether, add a little extra salt & pepper, and shake it, shake it, shake it before you use it (it won't stay emulsified together, but if you put it on your salad right away it doesn't matter much).

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