Asparagus Mimosa Salad

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"This salad is a classic French dish, perfect for warmer days! Serve as an appetizer, side dish, or a healthy snack. The "mimosa" is not related to the champagne drink. The eggs on top mimic the appearance for the mimosa flower, but you could always have a champagne mimosa with it!" – Chef Keegan

Asparagus Mimosa Salad (8 servings)

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. fresh **asparagus**, trimmed
- 6 fresh **eggs**
- 2 qt. water (and some ice)
- Kosher **salt**, as needed
- Optional herbs or parmesan cheese for serving

For the **Lemon Dijon Dressing**:

- 1 tbsp. **shallot**, minced
- 3 tbsp. fresh lemon juice
- 1 tbsp. **Dijon mustard**
- 6 tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

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Instructions:

1. Prepare Hard-Boiled Eggs:

- Place **eggs** and 1 quart of heavily salted **water** in a medium sauce pot. Heat on **high**.
- When pot comes to a boil, set a timer for 8 minutes.
- Prepare a water/ice bath. Immediately transfer the cooked eggs to the bath with a slotted spoon. Let cool completely, then peel the eggs and set aside.

2. Prepare Asparagus:

- Lightly peel the first inch or two off the bases of the trimmed stalks.
- Add the remaining quart of water to the same pot used for the eggs. Bring to a boil.
- Add the prepared asparagus. Boil for 2-3 minutes depending on the size and thickness of the stalks.
- Same as the eggs, shock the **asparagus** immediately in an **ice bath**.
- Remove chilled **asparagus** to a clean linen or thick layer of paper towels to drain.

3. Prepare Dressing:

- In a small bowl, combine the **shallot**, **lemon juice**, **Dijon mustard**, **salt**, **and pepper**. Whisk the mixture.
- Continue to whisk and very slowly and add the olive oil.

4. Plating:

- Place 6 or 7 **asparagus** on desired plate.
- Drizzle a tablespoon of **dressing** over spears.
- Hand grate the **peeled**, **hard-boiled egg** over the dressed asparagus.
- Finish the plate with a lite sprinkle of fresh herb or parmesan cheese and serve!