Three Mushroom Ragu

3 tbsp olive oil, divided 1/4 cup shallots, sliced

8 oz. button mushrooms, sliced

4 oz. cremini mushrooms, sliced

4 oz. shitake mushrooms, stemmed and sliced

1/4 cup dry sherry or Madiera

1 can (14 oz.) diced tomatoes

1 tbsp. balsamic vinegar

1 tbsp. tomato paste

¼ cup mascarpone

2 tbsp chopped fresh parsley

1 tbsp chopped fresh thyme

Salt and pepper to taste

1 pound fettucine, cooked



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- 2. Use remaining olive oil to saute cremini and shitake mushrooms. Add shallots and button mushrooms back to pan.
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- 4. Add diced tomatoes, vinegar and tomato paste. Stir to combine. Reduce heat and simmer about 15 minutes or until the sauce thickens.
- Cook pasta according to directions until al dente. Drain. Do not rinse.
- To finish sauce, stir in mascarpone, parsley, thyme, salt and pepper.
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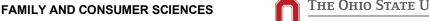
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