Salt and Serenity

Roasted Spiced Salmon and Tomatoes

Adapted from Donna Hay's recipe for Smoked Paprika and Green Olive Salmon

Serves 4

For the tomatoes:

- 2 pints grape or cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1⁄4 teaspoon black pepper

For the salmon:

- 2 lemons, thinly sliced
- 4 salmon fillets, each about 6-8 ounces
- 1 Tablespoon olive oil
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon Aleppo pepper or red pepper flakes
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1⁄4 cup kalamata olives, pitted and quartered

1/2 cup fresh basil leaves, julienned

- Preheat oven to 400°F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper. Place halved tomatoes on baking sheet in a single layer. Drizzle with olive oil, salt and pepper and use your hands to toss and coat all the tomatoes. Roast in oven for 15-20 minutes until they begin to bubble and brown.
- 2. While tomatoes are roasting, prepare salmon. Line a second baking sheet with parchment paper. Arrange thinly sliced lemon on baking sheet in 4 rectangles, topping each lemon rectangle with a piece of salmon. In a small bowl, whisk olive oil, smoked paprika, Aleppo, honey and salt together. Brush this mixture over the salmon. Roast in oven for 10-12 minutes, until salmon reaches an internal temperature of 130°F, when you insert a meat thermometer into the thickest part of the fillet. This will leave your salmon slightly pink in the center. Cook to 140°F, if you prefer it more well done.
- 3. Remove from oven. Scatter olives and basil over salmon. Serve with roasted tomatoes.