



Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- Pinch red pepper flakes
- One 15-ounce can diced tomatoes
- 12 ounces penne
- ½ cup vodka
- Kosher salt
- 1/3 cup heavy cream
- ¼ cup grated Parmesan
- Handful basil leaves, torn

Method:

- 1. Heat the olive oil in a 4-quart saucepan over medium heat. Add the onions and cook, stirring occasionally, until softened, about 6 minutes.
- 2. Add the tomato paste and red pepper flakes and cook, stirring to coat the onions, about 1 minute.
- 3. Add the canned tomatoes, penne, vodka, 1-teaspoon salt and 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups water and bring to a boil over medium-high heat.
- 4. Continue to cook, stirring frequently, until the pasta is all dente, and the sauce has reduced by about half and thickened, about 12 minutes. Remove from the heat.
- 5. Stir in the heavy cream, half the Parmesan, and ½-teaspoon salt. Divide the penne among 4 bowls and garnish with the remaining Parmesan and torn basil leaves.