

Recipe from Milan | Purslane salad with pickled onions, figs, fig leaf oil & Sicilian sumac

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Serves 6

Ingredients:

- A big handful of purslane
- 12 figs
- 3 red onions (Tropea if possible)
- 5-6 fresh fig leaves (ask your greengrocer!)
- 200 grams extra virgin olive oil
- 100 grams water
- 100 grams red vinegar
- Sumac
- Salt
- Cheesecloth or fine strainer

Instructions:

- Blanch fresh fig leaves in boiling water. Quickly transfer the leaves from the boiling water to an ice water bath and cool. Remove the leaves from the ice bath, strain and squeeze out as much excess water from the herbs as possible.
- Use a blender to make the fig lead oil: add the blanched leaves with oil and a pinch of salt. Infuse the oil for at least 1 hour. If you leave it overnight, it will not suffer and in fact will turn a darker green. Strain the puree through cheesecloth or a fine meshed strainer to get a clean oil.
- Cut the onions into very thin slices. Add a pinch of salt, cover them in 100g of water and 100g red vinegar. Leave marinate for a couple of hours to pickle.
- Wash the purslane, remove roots and bigger stems. The leaves, thin stems and flower buds are all edible. Dry in a salad spinner.
- Wash the figs and cut in four pieces keeping the skin on.
- Mix all ingredients (purslane, figs and onions)

Dress the salad with the fig leaf oil, salt, and sumac to taste. Enjoy!

