Curried Lentil, Wild Rice and Orzo Salad

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Salad Ingredients

1/2 cup wild rice

2/3 cup green or brown lentils

1/2 cup orzo pasta (It looks like rice, but it is pasta.)

1/2 cup currants

1/4 cup finely chopped red onion

1/3 cup slivered almonds, toasted

Dressing:

1/4 cup white wine vinegar

1 tsp ground cumin

1 tsp Dijon mustard

1/2 tsp sugar

1/2 tsp ground coriander

1/4 tsp each turmeric, paprika, ground cardamom, nutmeg

pinch each cinamon, cloves, cayenne

1/3 cup vegetable oil

In a large pot of boiling salted water, cover and cook wild rice for 10 minutes. Add lentils, boil for 20-25 minutes, add orzo, boil another 5 minutes, until just tender. (*I cooked the 2 separately.*)

Drain well and transfer to a large bowl. Add currants and onion.

Dressing: In small bowl, whisk together all ingredients.

Pour over rice and toss gently.

Let cool completely, refrigerate at least 4 hours or up to 2 days. Just before serving sprinkle with almonds