

## **Sierra Cascade Blueberry-Basil Simple Syrup**

### Ingredients:

1 cup packed fresh basil leaves  
1- 1½ cups fresh or frozen blueberries  
2 cups Sugar  
2 cups Water

### Make simple syrup:

Heat water and add sugar. Add basil and blueberries and simmer gently until sugar is dissolved. Let cool, strain. I store this in a quart-size mason jar in the refrigerator.

### What to do with it?

Vodka Spritzer – over ice, pour a shot or two of good vodka, soda water, and a TBSP or two of simple syrup, and garnish with a lime. Very refreshing!

Non-alcoholic Spritzer – omit the vodka – Still refreshing!

Martini – shake gin, spoonful of simple syrup, a splash of lime juice, and ice.

Try making your own combination – the blueberries and basil are a surprising combination!