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## Maple Walnut and Brie Quesadilla

Serves 8

Ingredients: 3 cups Walnut Halves 2 cups Maple Syrup 4 Tbsp. Sugar 3 oz. Unsalted Butter 2 2/3 cups Shallots , minced 4 cups Pears (any variety) halved, thinly sliced 8 Mission® 6" Heat Pressed Flour Tortillas (10400) 8 oz. Brie Cheese , sliced thinly 3/4 cup Basil , fresh, chiffonade

## Directions:

1. To make the maple glazed walnuts, stir together maple syrup and walnuts, tossing to coat well. Spread walnuts in 1 layer in a shallow baking pan and sprinkle with 3 tablespoon sugar.

2. Bake in middle of oven heated to 350° F for 15 minutes, then stir and bake 5 minutes more.

3. Transfer while still warm to a sheet of parchment paper or foil, and working quickly, separate walnuts with a fork.

4. Cool completely (about 1 hour) and remove nuts from parchment, breaking up any large pieces. Set aside.

 Heat butter on medium-low heat in a heavy-medium skillet and sauté minced shallots, add 1 tablespoon sugar and continue sautéing, about 5 minutes, until soft. Set aside on a hot or cold line.

6. Add sliced pear to skillet over medium heat and cook until golden and soft, about 3 minutes. Set aside.

7. Place 2½ ounces of pear mixture on each tortilla with 1 ounce of brie cheese, 1½ tablespoons basil, and 1 ounce candied walnut halves. Fold in half and grill each side on a buttered flat grill until golden brown and cheese is melted, about 2 minutes each side.

8. \* Quesadillas may be assembled and flat grilled to