

Creamy Cilantro Dressing (Dairy Free)

Our house is divided when we talk about cilantro. I happen to be a big fan, and who I have a craving for cilantro, I make my **Creamy Cilantro Dressing**. This recipe is from my sister, Chef Vanessa Alexander, and the creaminess to the recipe is actually from a surprising ingredient – it's hemp seeds, which give it a really nice, creamy, full-body taste. So we hope you enjoy this recipe as much as we do.

- Dr. Mary Rondeau I The Wholeness Chef, inspiration from Chef Vanessa Alexander

Ingredients:

1/2 cup Organic Extra Virgin Olive Oil or Avocado Oil

1/2 cup Organic Lemon Juice (about the juice of 1 lemon)

1/4 cup Hemp Seeds, shelled

2 Tsp Raw Honey

2 small-medium Organic Garlic cloves, roughly chopped

1 bunch of Organic Cilantro with stems (about 1 cup packed)

1/2 Tsp Redmond Real, Celtic, or Himalayan Salt or more to taste

1/4 Tsp freshly ground Black Pepper

Optional:

1/4 Tsp Aleppo Chili Powder or Cayenne Pepper for extra kick

Directions:

- 1. Add all ingredients to a food processor or high-powered blender except the olive oil and blend until smooth.
- 2. Gradually add olive oil while the food processor or blend is still on.
- 3. Taste and adjust salt and pepper if necessary.
- 4. Transfer to a jar and store in the fridge for up to five days.

Uses: Veggie dip, salad dressing, sauce for fish/shrimp, marinade for chicken or pork