Asparagus and Shrimp Risotto

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When spring and summer rolls around, our heavier entrees become lighter, leaner, and greener. This dish captures the light flavors of spring and makes a complete meal-in-a-bowl. Makes 4 servings.

Ingredients:

- 2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon chopped shallot
- 2 ½ ounces cooked asparagus, cut in one-inch pieces
- 5 ounces risotto rice
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 2 1/2 ounces cooked shrimp
- 4 cups chicken stock
- ½ cup parmesan cheese
- 1 ½ teaspoons chopped parsley

Directions:

- 1. Heat oil in a medium saucepan over medium heat.
- 2. Add shallots and cook 2 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add asparagus and cook another minute.
- 3. Add risotto and cook 2 minutes, stirring. Add wine to saucepan; continue to cook until almost all of the liquid has been absorbed, stirring to prevent sticking.
- 4. Gradually add chicken stock, about ¼ cup at a time, stirring constantly until liquid has been absorbed. Continue adding stock and cooking down until all stock has been added.
- 5. When risotto has absorbed all the stock, add the shrimp and stir gently for 2 minutes.
- 6. Add parmesan cheese and parsley, stir to incorporate, and serve.