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*“A friend is what the heart needs
all the time.”*

HENRY VAN DYKE

Dear Friends,

I've just returned from two days of EE fun with a good friend and fabulous host, Donna Lawhon and the Garden Study Club (The Garden Club of Virginia) in Martinsville, VA, a beautiful city with great people and history. The night before our big day with the garden club, a small group enjoyed dinner in Donna and Richard's lovely home. We began the evening with champagne and raspberries and Donna's delicious Goat Cheese and Roasted Tomato hors d'oeuvres. Honestly! I wanted to ask for a fork so I could eat it right off the plate! Lucky for us, Donna is not only my friend, but she is your EE friend too and she's sharing this divine recipe. Thank you, Donna!

Those of you who have the *Effortless Entertaining* guide will want to check out Lawdashion's Pork Tenderloin, page 191 ... another Donna Lawhon crowd pleaser. During my visit, Donna served this with DeeDee's Rice Salad, page 147, and Steamed Asparagus, a perfect and *effortless* spring menu!

Finally, even though my beloved Tar Heels are out of the tournament, I am ever so happy to cheer for that "Virginia is for Lovers" cutie pie, Tony Bennett, while enjoying a glass of Virginia Hamlet's award-winning Petit Verdot. Go ACC and Wahoowa!

DeeDee

Goat Cheese and Roasted Tomato Spread

SERVES 8–10

Donna Lawhon

Easy, elegant, and ever so good!

INGREDIENTS

½ pint grape tomatoes halved lengthwise

4 tbsp olive oil

Salt

Sugar

½ cup balsamic vinegar

8 oz log goat cheese

8 oz mushrooms, chopped

4-oz jar sliced sun-dried tomatoes

½ cup fresh basil

2 cups fresh baby spinach



[Printer-Friendly Recipe](#)

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One of Ed's and my favorites,
Hamlet Vineyard's award-winning
Petit Verdot.

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We want to hear from you!

We loved hearing how much you enjoyed the Jalapeño Cucumber Limeade Cocktail!

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