

## **VEGETABLE BARLEY SOUP**

Makes 8 servings.

This thick winter soup warms the heart. The barley, napa cabbage and miso give it a distinct flavor.

## **INGREDIENTS**

- 4 leeks
- 4 garlic cloves
- 2 carrots
- 8 shiitake mushrooms
- Napa cabbage, about 1½ pounds
- 1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- ½ cup medium pearl barley
- 7 cups vegetable broth
- 2 tablespoons white miso paste
- 1 cup tightly packed flat leaf parsley, coarsely chopped
- 10 ounces shelled frozen edamame, thawed
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

## **PREPARATION**

1. Cut off and discard the roots and tough green leaves of the leeks. Cut the white part and light green part into thin slices. Place in a sieve and rinse thoroughly under cold running water to

- remove all the sand.
- 2. Peel and chop garlic coarsely. Peel the carrots and slice thinly. Wipe mushroom caps, discard the stems and slice thinly.
- 3. Discard outer Napa cabbage leaves and cut the rest thinly.
- 4. Heat the oil in a large saucepan. Add the leeks and garlic and sauté for a few minutes. Add the carrots, mushrooms and cabbage and sauté for a few minutes more. Add the barley, broth and miso.
- 5. Bring to a boil over high heat. Lower the heat, cover and cook for 30 minutes. Add the parsley and edamame and continue cooking for another 10 minutes.
- 6. Season to taste with salt and pepper.