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## Ingredients

- 2 Tbsp (30 mL) butter
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup leek stalk (125 mL), chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, chopped
- 2 jars (2 350 mL) of tomatoes
- 1 tsp (5 mL) brown sugar
- Pinch of baking soda
- Sea salt and black pepper to taste

## Instructions

- 1. Heat butter in a medium-size saucepan.
- 2. Add onion, leek, fresh garlic and sauté until the onion is soft and translucent.
- 3. Add tomatoes and liquid from both jars.

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- 4. Blend with a hand blender.
- 5. Add sugar, baking soda, and seasoning. Simmer for 15-20 minutes on low heat. Garnish with a dollop of sour cream and sprigs of parsley. Makes 6 servings.

## **Choose Tomatoes in Glass**

Whenever possible, use fresh vine-ripened tomatoes. As a second choice, use tomatoes preserved in glass containers. The acidity of tomatoes can eat away at the inner, bisphenol-A plastic coating of the typical can. As you may know, bisphenol-A is a toxic, hormone-disrupting chemical. Avoid purchasing canned tomato products.