## Salsa Marinara

Marinara Sauce

Makes enough for 1 pound of pasta

1 28-ounce can whole San Marzano tomatoes ¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil 7 garlic cloves, peeled and slivered 1 pinch crushed red pepper flakes 1 teaspoon kosher salt 1 large fresh basil sprig, more to taste

- Pour tomatoes into a large bowl and crush with your hands. Pour 1 cup water into can and slosh it around to get tomato juices. Reserve.
- In a large skillet over medium heat, heat the oil. When it is hot, add garlic.
- 3 As soon as garlic is sizzling, add the tomatoes, then the reserved tomato water. Add red pepper flakes and salt. Stir.
- 4 Place basil sprig, including stem, on the surface (like a flower). Let it wilt, then submerge in sauce. Simmer sauce until thickened and oil on surface is a deep orange, about 15 minutes. Discard basil.