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## Garides Saganaki (Shrimp with Tomatoes and Feta)

The Greek dish *garides saganaki*, a bubbling concoction of shrimp, tomatoes, onions, peppers, and feta spiked with a shot of ouzo, was invented in the 1950s, most likely at a restaurant in a seaport like Thessaloníki. Some flambéed the dish tableside, popularizing it among tourists. It's now a standard on Greek menus, and quick and satisfying to make at home.—*Diane Kochilas, from "Seaside Saganaki"* (June/July 2005)

SERVES 2

## **INGREDIENTS**

2 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil

1/2 small yellow onion, finely chopped

1/2 medium hot green chile, stemmed and finely chopped

1 1/4 cups canned whole, peeled tomatoes in juice, crushed by hand

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste 6 large head-on shrimp (about 12 oz.), bodies peeled (heads and tail shells left intact), deveined 4 oz. Greek feta, coarsely crumbled 2 tbsp. ouzo

1 tbsp. finely chopped parsley



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## **INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. Heat broiler to high. Heat oil in an 8" round metal gratin dish or a heavy ovenproof skillet over medium heat. Add onion and chile, and cook, stirring often, until soft, about 5 minutes. Stir in tomatoes, and season to taste with salt and pepper; cook until slightly thickened, about 4 minutes.
- 2. Arrange shrimp in dish, spoon some sauce on top, and continue to simmer until shrimp are pink and just cooked through, about 2 minutes per side. Scatter feta around shrimp, then transfer dish to broiler, and broil until feta begins to melt, about 2 minutes. Remove dish from broiler. Warm ouzo in a tiny pot over low heat, then ignite it with a kitchen match and pour over shrimp and feta. When flames die out, garnish dish with parsley, and serve.

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