## **ZUPPA DI COZZE**MUSSEL SOUP

## **INGREDIENTS**

3 tbs. olive oil

1 medium onion, chopped

2 stalks of celery, chopped

3-4 cloves of garlic, minced

Salt & Pepper to taste

1/2 cup dry white wine

1 cup Water

1 (14 oz.) Can Chopped Tomatoes

1,5 kg mussels, scrubbed with beards removed

1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

## **METHOD**

- **1.** Heat the oil in a large saucepan and saute the onion, celery and garlic until translucent.
- **2.** Add the tomatoes, salt and pepper and cook 5-10 minutes or until the sauce begins to thicken.
- **3.** Add the wine and cook an additional 10 minutes, adding as much water as needed if the sauce becomes too thick.
- **4.** Add the cleaned, drained mussels, cover, and cook until the shells open, which should be about 5 additional minutes.
- **5.** Add the parsley just before serving.
- **6.** You can serve this dish on grilled garlic bread, spooning the juices over the bread in a shallow bowl, or serve with a good crusty bread on the side.

