## California Chicken

with avocado, tomato, artichokes and pepper jack cheese

This recipe is a great, quick on the grill, great flavor, easy on a busy weeknight. They also cover a lot of the plate so they give the impression there is more than there is, a great way to cook affordably!



4 4 ounce	chicken breasts, pounded flat	8 slices	ripe haas avocado
2 tbsp	extra virgin olive oil	1 slices	ripe tomato
2 tbsp	lemon juice	8 sliced	artichoke hearts
2 tablespoons	chopped fresh herbs	8 slices	pepper jack cheese
1 teaspoon	kosher salt		
1 teaspoon	fresh ground black pepper	4 tablespoons	extra virgin olive oil
		4 tablespoons	balsamic vinegar

- 1. Combine the chicken, olive oil, lemon juice, herbs, salt and pepper together in a non reactive bag or container and marinate for 20 to 30 minutes.
- 2. While the chicken is marinating preheat a grill or grill pan to medium high heat. Also preheat a broiler to high heat.
- 3. Place each chicken paillard on the grill, grilling 2 to 3 minutes per side.
- 4. Remove chicken from the grill and place on a broiler safe dish. Top each chicken breast paillard with 2 slices of avocado, 2 slices of tomato, 2 sliced artichoke hearts and 2 slices of pepper jack cheese.
- 5. Place the chicken paillards under the broiler and cook until the cheese is melted and golden brown. Remove from the broiler and allow to rest 3 minutes before serving.
- 6. Place the chicken on a large platter or plates. Drizzle with olive oil and balsamic vinegar.