## **Cardamom Date Nut Bars**

Serving Size: 2 oz.

Makes 10 servings

## Ingredients:

- 1¼ cups Almonds, slivered
- 12 each Mejool Dates, pitted, chopped
- 3 tsp Cardamom
- 3 TBSP 100% orange juice
- 4 oz Pecan halves

#### NUTRITION FACTS PER SERVING 240 calories 15 total fat (g) 1 saturated fat (g) trans fat (g) 0 sodium (mg) 3 total carbohydrate (g) 26 dietary fiber (g) 5 sugar (g) 19 protein (g) 5

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## Preparation:

- 1. Place almonds in a single layer on a baking sheet and toast at 350°F until nutty brown and fragrant (around 7-8 minutes)
- 2. Allow the almonds to cool then add them to a food processor.
- 3. Grind the almonds until they are as fine as possible.
- 4. Remove half the ground up almonds from the processor and set aside.
- 5. Add dates and cardamom to the food processor and grind as fine as possible.
- 6. Slowly add orange juice until the mixture comes together like dough.
- 7. Sprinkle half of the reserved ground almonds into a thin layer on a sheet pan.
- 8. Place date mixture on top and press until 1/4 to 1/2 inch thick.
- 9. Sprinkle remaining ground almonds on top and gently press to even out the top (use the bottom of a cup or a rolling pin)
- 10. Cut into rectangle bars, 10 total.
- 11. Store at room temperature or in the refrigerator.

