

Key Lime and Vanilla Spritzer with Blood Orange

Adapted from *Cool Waters: 50 Refreshing, Healthy Homemade Thirst Quenchers* by Brian Preston-Campbell, Harvard Common Press, 2009

I made two minuscule changes to the original recipe: used a blood orange instead of a Valencia, and bottled key lime juice instead of fresh since that's what I had. Be aware that this drink is not sweet, but it is quite refreshing.

Makes 4 servings

1 vanilla bean, split lengthwise

1/4 cup key lime juice

Juice of 1 blood orange

4 cups chilled sparkling water

Ice

1. Scrape the seeds from the vanilla bean into a small bowl and add the pods as well. Add the lime juice and blood orange juice. Cover and steep for anywhere from 2 hours to overnight.
2. Strain the mixture through a fine-mesh sieve into a large pitcher. Add the sparkling water and stir. Serve in ice-filled glasses.