Ninfa's Green Sauce

This popular sauce from Ninfa's restaurants is one of the Food Section's most requested recipes of all time.

medium-size green tomatoes, coarsely chopped

tomatillos (Mexican green tomatoes with a papery husk), cleaned and chopped

to 2 jalapenos, stemmed and coarsely chopped

small garlic cloves

medium-size ripe avocados

sprigs cilantro

teaspoon salt

11/2 cups imitation sour cream

Combine chopped tomatoes, tomatillos, jalapenos and garlic in a saucepan. Bring to a boil (tomatoes provide all the liquid), reduce heat and simmer 10 to 15 minutes or until tomatoes are soft. Remove from heat and let cool slightly.

Peel, pit and slice avocados; set aside. Place tomato mixture with part of the avocados, cilantro and salt in food processor (may have to do in batches), and process until smooth. Turn into a large bowl. Stir in sour cream, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate. Makes 4 to 5 cups. Serve in small bowls as a dip for tortilla chips. Promptly refrigerate leftovers. Note: Handle jalapenos carefully; even the fumes from hot peppers can irritate skin and eyes.