

# You say tom-a-to, I say tom-AH-to

*"It's difficult to think anything but pleasant thoughts while eating a homegrown tomato." Lewis Grizzard*

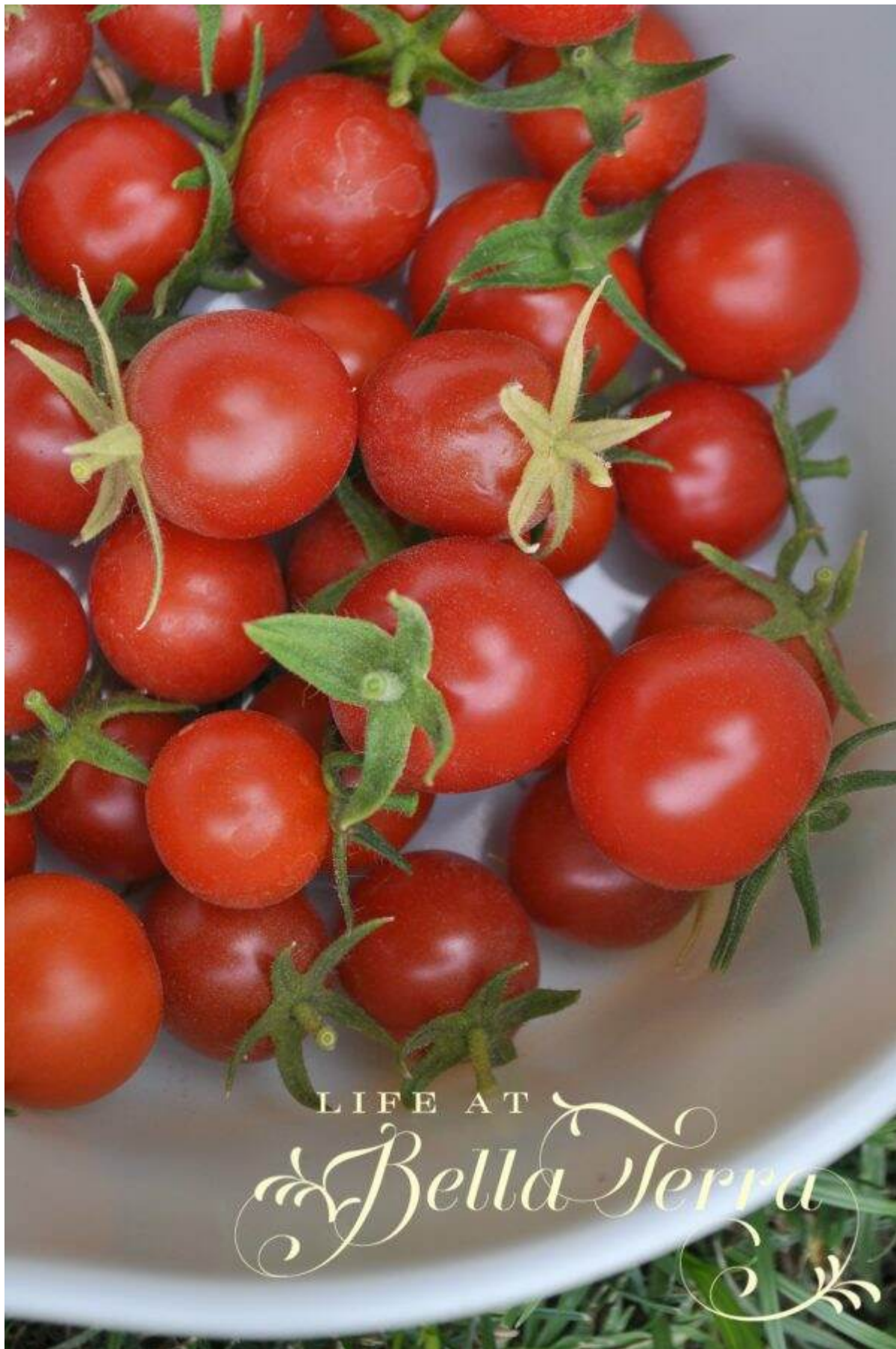
I love to garden. There is a giddiness when picking that very first tomato. I take pictures of it and then carry it around the house for show and tell for the rest of my family. They think I've lost my mind but they humor me with oohs and ahhs.



In Phoenix, our gardening seasons are so strange compared to my childhood in Connecticut. Right now, the heat has pushed most of the herbs past their prime. The dill is tall and has gone to seed. Basil is still abundant and may last through the early summer. We will continue to pick tomatoes until the blistering summer heat withers the plants.



But the mornings are still glorious~~ and there is no better way to start the day than coffee in hand and strolling out to the garden.



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I've had great success with smaller tomatoes~~from brilliant red cherry tomatoes to the yellow grape varieties. We just pluck these off the vine and gobble them up!



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The Roma tomatoes are almost ready to harvest ~~ the warmer days should accelerate their ripening.





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Wishing you a day of something fresh and healthy~~whether from your own garden or a local farmer or farmer's market.

*Mary*