## gochujang margherita pizza

PREP TIME 15 minutes • COOK TIME 15 minutes • TOTAL TIME 30 minutes • SERVES 4

This pizza shocks everyone I serve it to—but in a good way. I use gochujang as the base, which is a Korean chili paste you can find online and in Asian markets. It adds a spicy, sweet, tangy taste that's just delectable. No one quite knows what the flavor is because it's softened a bit from all the cheese on top—but they definitely know it's yummy. Lots of cherry tomatoes and basil complete this perfect twist on a classic margherita! It's fun to make in the summer when the farmers' markets and gardens are bursting.

3/4 cup cherry tomatoes
2 garlic cloves, finely chopped or grated
1 medium shallot, sliced
1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon fish sauce
1 teaspoon dried oregano

1 teaspoon honey, plus more for serving Fine pink Himalayan salt and freshly ground black pepper Crushed red pepper flakes Flour, for dusting  1/2 pound pizza dough, at room temperature
 2 tablespoons gochujang
 1 cup shredded Gouda cheese
 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
 6 to 8 fresh basil leaves

- **1.** Preheat the oven to 450°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
- 2. In a medium bowl, combine the tomatoes, garlic, shallot, olive oil, fish sauce, oregano, and honey. Season with salt, black pepper, and red pepper flakes and toss gently to coat.
- **3.** On a lightly floured work surface, roll out the dough to <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-inch thickness. Carefully transfer the dough to the prepared baking sheet.
- **4.** Spread the gochujang evenly over the dough, leaving a 1-inch border. Spoon the tomato mixture over the gochujang, then scatter the Gouda and mozzarella over the top.
- **5.** Bake until the crust is golden and the cheese is bubbling, about 15 minutes. Top with the basil leaves, slice, and serve with honey.