

The first time Ellie goes to Homa's house, Homa's mother ("Mama Joon") offers the girls a glass of cherry sharbat. This traditional sweet Iranian beverage is made simply by mixing cherry syrup (purchased or homemade) with cold water and ice cubes. Flat water is traditional, but sparkling water gives it a modern twist. Serve well chilled and garnish with a sprig of mint if desired.

Cherry Sharbat

Makes 1 drink

¼ cup sour-cherry syrup
(see note)

¾ cup water (flat or
sparkling)

Ice cubes

Fresh mint sprig for
garnish



Pour syrup into a tall tumbler glass, then add water and finally, ice cubes. Stir as needed and garnish with a mint sprig.

Notes: Sour cherry syrup is available online from meditbazaar.com. It is a syrup specifically for beverages. A larger batch can be made for a pitcher. Stick with the ratio of 1 part cherry syrup to 3 parts water.

