PANE NERO SCONES

Pane Nero means "black bread." The flour is made of seven grains and seeds. If Pane Nero not available, a seedy whole wheat flour should work.

Put in a large bowl: 2 cups Pane Nero Flour 1 cup white flour ½ cup rolled oats 1 Tbsp. baking powder 1 tsp. salt

Stir together in a smaller bowl:
¼ cup butter, melted
½ cup olive oil
2 Tbsp. honey (local preferred)
Juice of 1 lemon
Zest of 1 lemon
2 eggs
2-6 Tbsp warm water (as needed to mix, should be thick and dry)

<u>Add</u>: ½ cup chopped nuts (walnuts, almonds, pecans) ½ cup chopped dried fruit (apricots, cranberries, cherries)

Stir just until mixed, adding water or a dollop of Greek yogurt if necessary to make a very thick, but not crumbly, dough.

Drop using scant ¼ cup measure or form by hand into small cookie-like mounds. Bake 190C / 375F for 20-30 minutes.

To serve, reheat in oven 5-10 minutes, 160C / 325F. (Freezes very well.)

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