

Chef's Tips: Be Prepared

There are a few bits of kit that, while not essential, will help you get the best out of this rib of beef and your other roasts this Christmas.

- A meat thermometer. These remove any guesswork and ensure everything's cooked just as you like it.
- A good carving knife.
- A knife sharpener. An essential that makes a real difference.

Wine Pairing

You'll want a good red, like a red Bordeaux, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Shiraz, or Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Timing is Everything

- You must **defrost the rib of beef in the fridge for 48 hours before cooking** (see the full instructions on the box).
- Take the beef out of the fridge **an hour and a half** before cooking to bring it up to room temperature for an even cook.
- 15 minutes before the beef is done, **pop the stuffing in the oven** (again, check the instructions on the box).
- **Rest the meat for a minimum of 15 minutes** once it's cooked. Don't skip this bit!

Carving & Serving

- While it's resting, put the Cumberland sauce in the microwave.
- **2** Heat up your serving plates, dishes for veg, and the jug for the sauce.
- **3** Sharpen your knife before carving. Once it's rested, cut the meat off the bone by running your knife down the bones behind the meat and along the bottom.
- 4 Once off the bone, stand the beef up with the crumb facing away from you and slice, nice and thin, from one side to the other.
 - Plate it up and put any extra stuffing on the side and pour a little of the sauce over the meat, leaving some extra for the table.



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Scan this or go to cookfood.net/rib-carving for a video on how to carve.