DEVON GOOKERY SCHOOL

Rack of Lamb

Ingredients

1 rack of lamb, French trimmed and chined 2 tsp sunflower oil Freshly milled sea salt and black pepper

Method

- 1. Pre-heat oven to 180°C.
- 2. Place a frying pan over a medium-high heat.
- 3. Remove the membranous skin from the outside of the rack.
- 4. Score the fat in a criss-cross pattern to a depth of about 5mm.
- 5. Smear all over with the oil.
- 6. Season really well with sea salt and black pepper, rubbing it into the fat.
- 7. Sear the fat side of the rack for 2 to 5 minutes depending on the thickness of the fat until well browned (open some doors and windows as this bit needs doing well) and a lot of the fat has rendered out into the pan.
- 8. Turn the rack onto its rib side and place in the oven for around 8 to 12 minutes depending on whether or not you like your meat medium-rare or medium-to-well done.
- 9. Rest the rack under foil in a warm place for five minutes or so.
- 10. Carve with a very sharp knife into chops and serve with your chosen garnish.

NB. If using a temperature probe, the temperature at the centre of the meat just before it comes out of the oven should read around 54°C which will rise to around 59/60°C just before serving - this will leave the rack medium-rare.