



Open season: grouse shot on the Yorkshire moors today are ready to be taken South

First grouse of the season is rushed to London in hours for a glorious lunch

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THE first grouse of the shooting season to reach London were served at lunchtime in a Westminster restaurant today hours after being shot on a Yorkshire heather moor.

Chefs at the Cinnamon Club in Westminster cooked roast grouse with sweet pumpkin pickle following the delivery of two brace of the game birds on the "Glorious Twelfth".

The red grouse were shot on the 14,500 acre Bransdale Estate in North Yorkshire just after dawn at around 6.30am this morning.

Former racing driver Ben Samuelson drove the birds the 240 miles to the capital in a Porsche Macan Turbo to reach the restaurant's kitchens in time for the lunch service. Cinnamon Club



Moor taste: grouse makes Cinnamon Club executive chef Vivek Singh, left, "feel fortunate to be cooking in Britain"

executive chef Vivek Singh said: "This sort of dish makes me feel fortunate to be cooking in Britain.

"Although India has a rich tradition of game cooking, it has disappeared due to a complete ban on hunting for the last 60 years, and an entire generation of chefs has never cooked any kind of game.

"This is my effort to reclaim and preserve the lost art of Indian game cooking."