



Pair of Red Deer Antlers, Skull Mount, Scotland, Cluny Castle 1997

Sold



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Height: 76.5 cm (30.1")

Width: 85.5 cm (33.7")

Depth: 30.5 cm (12")

## Description

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A pair of 8 point red deer antlers with skull cap, mounted onto a wooden plaque. The shield is made from oak with profile edges. These stag antlers are an excellent wall display. Inscribed on the skull cap '26th September 1997, CLUNY'.

Cluny Castle is situated in tranquil Aberdeenshire countryside in over two hundred acres of beautiful landscaped parkland. Dating back to the 14th century, this magnificent crenellated mansion remains a much loved family home. Originally built as a Z-plan castle (circa 1604) replacing either a house or small peel tower. Sited in the parish of Cluny, it is south of Monymusk and north of Sauchen in Aberdeenshire, north-east Scotland.

The Red Deer (*Cervus elaphus*), or Red Stag, is one of the largest deer species that inhabits most of Europe, the Caucasus Mountains region, Asia Minor, Iran, parts of western Asia, and central Asia. It also inhabits the Atlas Mountains region between Morocco and Tunisia in north-western Africa. The red deer is the largest non-domesticated mammal still existing in the Netherlands, United Kingdom and Ireland. The Barbary stag (which resembles the western European red deer) is the only member of the deer family represented in Africa. Only the stags have antlers, which are made of bone and grow at a rate of 2 ½ cm (1inch) a day. The antlers start growing in the spring and are shed each year, usually at the end of winter.