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*The Catalog of Producers, Prices,
Models, and Specifications*



Christophe Claret

Individuals like Christophe Claret are authentic horological engineers who eat, drink, and breathe watchmaking and have developed careers based on pushing the envelope to the very edge of what's possible.

By the age of twenty-three, the Lyon-born Claret was in Basel alongside Journe, Calabrese, and other independents, where he was spotted by the late Rolf Schnyder of Ulysse Nardin and commissioned to make a minute repeater with jacquemarts. In 1989, he opened his *manufacture* in a nineteenth-century mansion tastefully extended with a state-of-the-art machining area. Claret embraces the potential in modern tools to create the precise pieces needed to give physical expression to exceedingly complex ideas.

Over the years, Claret created complications and movements for many companies. In 2004, he came out with the Harry Winston Opus IV, a reversible moon phase with tourbillon and a minute repeater. And twenty years after establishing his business, Claret finally launched his own complex watches: models like the DualTow, with its hours and minutes on two tracks, minute repeater, and complete view of the great ballet of arms and levers inside. Then came the Adagio, also a minute repeater, with a clear dial that manages a second time zone and large date. In 2011, Claret wowed the watch world with a humorous, on-the-wrist gambling machine telling time and playing blackjack, craps, or roulette. It was followed by the stunning X-TREM-1, a turbocharged DualTow with two spheres controlled by magnets hovering along the numeral tracks to tell the time plus a tourbillon, and the Kantharos, named after a top-notch thoroughbred. One of his latest productions is the Margot, a play on the gambling theme, but for women—or men, in fact—who want to hazard determining the feelings of a partner or prospect via “He loves me, he loves me not.”



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Most important collections:
DualTow, Adagio, Blackjack, Maestoso,
X-TREM-1, Soprano, Kantharos, Baccara,
Poker, Margot



Maestoso

Movement: manually wound, Caliber DTC 07; ø 31 mm, height 8.6 mm; 44 jewels; 14,400 vph; constant force escapement, sprung suspension; anti-over-banking system; screw balance with cylindrical spring and hacking second on pulling crown; 2 spring barrels; 80-hour power reserve
Functions: hours, minutes
Case: rose gold, ø 44 mm, height 13.6 mm; sapphire crystal; transparent case back
Band: reptile skin, double folding clasp
Price: CHF 186,000
Variations: white gold/titanium (CHF 182,000); rose gold/titanium (CHF 178,000)



Margot

Movement: automatic, Caliber EMT 17; ø 38.4 mm, height 9.76 mm; 95 jewels; 28,800 vph; 2 spring barrels; 72-hour power reserve
Functions: hours, minutes; mechanical randomness generator via case pusher with sound signal
Case: white gold, ø 42.5 mm, height 14.5 mm; baguette diamonds on bezel and lugs; sapphire crystal; transparent case back
Band: double folding clasp
Remarks: “He loves me, he loves me not...” game, answer at 4 o'clock, with delicate sound (hammer visible at mother-of-pearl dial near 8)
Price: CHF 278,000
Variations: with “snowflake” diamonds on bezel (CHF 198,000)



Poker

Movement: automatic, Caliber PCK 05; ø 38.6 mm, height 9.92 mm; 72 jewels; 28,800 vph; 72-hour power reserve
Functions: hours, minutes; mechanical randomness generator via case pusher with sound signal
Case: titanium, white gold, ø 45 mm, height 15.95 mm; sapphire crystal; transparent case back
Band: reptile skin, double folding clasp
Remarks: randomness generator starts Texas hold'em for 3 people with flops and rivers on dial side or roulette on movement side
Price: CHF 172,000
Variations: rose gold (CHF 168,000); titanium with black PVD coating (CHF 160,000)