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**ANTICIPATING
HAWKINS**
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WONKEYING AROUND
YEAR OF THE
MONKEY WATCHES

WORTHY OF BEER
EXPLORING A HEALTHIER
HAPPY HOUR

**LAMBORGHINI
HURACAN SPIDER**
TAMING THE HURRICANE
TOP DOWN IN MIAMI

MONTBLANC
FULL STEAM AHEAD



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CHRISTOPHE CLARET

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Ever the innovator, Christophe Claret with its latest piece, Soprano, designs a minute repeater that promises to deliver superlative sound, on top of a tourbillon that completes a rotation every 60 seconds. Its complex minute repeater is fitted with four cathedral steel gongs and four hammers, all carefully tuned and assembled to produce a pristine chime. The material

selection and the size of the case were also taken into consideration, and ultimately it was decided that titanium and gold executed in a 45mm-diameter case would help realize the low-pitched, full-bodied sound they desired from the cathedral gongs. Christophe Claret however, keeps the aesthetics of the watch rather traditional, belying the complexity of its movement. Turn the piece over however, and at once you're reminded of its technical achievement, as its transparent case back allows a peek into the remarkable movement at work. Equipped with the TRD98 caliber, the Soprano runs at a rate of 21,600vph, and promises 72 hours of power reserve. The piece comes in four versions: in red gold and chocolate brown PVD-treated titanium; white gold and black PVD-treated grade titanium; white gold and slate blue grade 5 titanium; and finally white gold and anthracite grey PVD-treated grade 5 titanium. Only eight pieces of each model will be produced. ★

Soprano

- MOVEMENT:** Caliber TRD98; hand-winding; 72-hour power reserve; 21,600vph
- FUNCTIONS:** Hours, minutes; 4-note minute repeater playing Westminster chime; tourbillon
- CASE:** 45mm; 5N red gold or white gold; water resistant to 30m
- DIAL:** Hands in PVD-treated grade 5 titanium with Superluminova
- STRAP:** Chocolate brown or black alligator leather
- LIMITATION:** 8 pieces per version

