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



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manufacture 1989, brand 2010

Number of employees:

100

Distribution:

Contact the *manufacture* directly.

Most important collections:

Allegro, Aventicum, Maestoso, Kantharos, Soprano; X-TREM-1/DualTow; Poker, Baccara, Blackjack; Margot

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*, a nineteenth-century mansion tastefully extended with a state-of-the-art machining area. Indeed, Claret embraces wholeheartedly 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 minute repeater.

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, again 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. Whatever he produces—the Margot, for women, the art-laden Aventicum, or the latest minute repeater, the Allegro—the Claret signature is always present: a total dedication to power mechanics and an infallible sense of style.



Allegro

Reference number: MTR.ALG89.000-020

Movement: manually wound, Christophe Claret Caliber ALG 89; \varnothing 34 mm, height 8.2 mm; 39 jewels; 21,600 vph; minute repeater centrifugal regulator; skeletonized bridge; 60-hour power reserve

Functions: hours, minutes, subsidiary seconds; additional 12-hour display (2nd time zone), day/night indicator, minute repeater; large date

Case: rose gold, titanium, PVD-coated, \varnothing 45 mm, height 14.1 mm; sapphire crystal; transparent case back

Band: reptile skin, folding clasp

Price: \$250,000; limited to 20 pieces

Variations: white gold and titanium (limited to 20 pieces); rose gold



Aventicum

Reference number: MTR.AVE15.070-107

Movement: automatic, Christophe Claret Caliber AVE 15; \varnothing 26.2 mm, height 3.37 mm; 28 jewels; 28,800 vph; double spring barrel; invisible sapphire crystal rotor with 5 weights; 72-hour power reserve

Functions: hours, minutes

Case: white gold, titanium, PVD-coated, \varnothing 44 mm, height 18.5 mm; sapphire crystal; transparent back

Band: reptile skin, folding clasp

Remarks: sculptural, hologram projection of miniature bust of Marcus Aurelius in middle of dial

Price: \$50,000; limited to 38 pieces

Variations: rose gold and titanium (\$46,000; limited to 68 pieces)



X-Trem-1 Blue

Reference number: MTR.FLY11.120-128

Movement: manually wound, Christophe Claret Caliber FLY 11; 26.6 x 46.4 mm, height 11.94 mm; 64 jewels; 21,600 vph; flying tourbillon tilted at 30°; 50-hour power reserve

Functions: hours, minutes (linear display using steel beads hovering in lateral sapphire crystal tube)

Case: white gold, titanium, blue PVD-coated, 40.8 x 56.8 mm, height 15 mm; sapphire crystal; transparent case back

Band: reptile skin, folding clasp

Price: \$250,000; limited to 8 pieces

Variations: platinum/titanium (8 pieces); rose gold; gray gold; rose/gray gold/titanium (8 pieces)