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

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100

Distribution:
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Most important collections:

Traditional complications (Allegro/Aventicum/
Maestoso/Kanthalos/Soprano), Extreme line
(X-TREM-1/DualTow), gaming watches (Poker/
Baccara/Blackjack), and ladies' complications
line (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.

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 such as the DualTow, with 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. The winding rotor of the Marguerite, the latest ladies' watch, features rubies that will point to "He loves me" or "He loves me not" engraved on the case back and separated by a little heart.



Soprano

Reference number: MTR.TRD98.030-038
Movement: manually wound, Christophe Claret Caliber TRD98; \varnothing 27.6 mm, height 8.45 mm; 39 jewels; 21,600 vph; single barrel; 1-minute tourbillon; 72-hour power reserve; parachute shock protection

Functions: hours, minutes, minute repeater
Case: rose gold and titanium, chocolate PVD-coated; \varnothing 45 mm, height 15.32 mm; water-resistant to 3 atm
Band: reptile skin, rose gold, titanium buckle
Remarks: 4-note minute repeater playing Westminster quarters on 4 patented songs
Price: \$476,000; limited to 8 pieces
Variations: white gold and titanium (blue or black) (\$500,000; limited to 8 pieces)



X-Trem-1

Reference number: MTR.FLY11.130-138
Movement: manually wound, Christophe Claret Caliber FLY 11; 26.6 \times 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 and Damascus steel, 40.8 \times 56.8 mm, height 15 mm; sapphire crystal; transparent case back; water-resistant to 3 atm
Band: reptile skin, folding clasp
Price: \$272,000; limited to 8 pieces
Variations: rose gold and Damascus steel (\$286,000; limited to 8 pieces)



Marguerite

Reference number: MTR.MT115.080-110
Movement: automatic, Christophe Claret Caliber MT115; \varnothing 35.7 mm, height 9.67 mm; 36 jewels; 28,800 vph; 2 spring barrels; 72-hour power reserve
Functions: hours and minutes (with orange butterfly hands); pusher to switch between writing on the dial and the indices (personalizable with online configurator)
Case: rose gold, \varnothing 42.5 mm, height 12 mm; bezel and lugs set with 100 diamonds (champagne-set); sapphire crystal; transparent case back
Band: reptile skin, folding clasp
Remarks: "He loves me, he loves me not..." game on the back using ruby on the rotor to indicate yes/no; limited to 30 pieces
Price: \$69,000