

THE REVENANT

SPORTER

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It's not possible to overstate how visually impressive this shotgun is at first glance. It seemed as though I should have donned white gloves prior to handling this firearm. An absolute masterpiece of what is possible with the masterful hand and keen eye of a skilled engraver combined with modern technology. The round body action of this shotgun is delicate yet robust, feeling svelte in the hands but solid in form and function. The intricacies of the engraving on the vast canvas of the side plates and forearm irons are visually captivating. Highly figured walnut compliments this work of art and sets a beautiful backdrop for the extensive artistry put in by skilled engravers.

The Stock

As mentioned above, the furniture on the Revenant is phenomenal. The hand rubbed oil finish accentuates the hues contained within this fine chunk of walnut. Varying shades of tan, chocolate and copper are marbled in a fluid contrast which plays a close second fiddle to the engraving on this piece. The checkering on this model is superb, clean and cut at 26 lines per inch. This model offers a sporting stock with modern dimensions and capped off with a black rubber recoil pad.

The forearm on the Revenant is worthy of its own paragraph. Ample checkering coverage ensures one will maintain positive grip on this beauty but also

displaying an elegant flair. The entirety of the exposed forearm irons are adorned with a combination of full coverage engraving and gold inlay. The top of these irons extend beyond the normal limits of an exposed portion where the metal meets the ears of the forearm, offering additional surface area to display the work of the engravers. A silver teardrop inlay decorates the bottom center of the forearm, which attaches to the barrel lug with a Boss style push button forearm latch.

The Receiver

On the Revenant, the receiver is the star of the show, where function and beauty fuse into this wonderful exhibit of craftsmanship and art. With a charcoal grey background, the finest of gamebirds are represented on both sides of this shotgun. The left side pays tribute to the wily Ringneck pheasant while the right is a homage to the bobwhite quail and an additional silhouette of what is undoubtedly the king of gamebirds, Ole' Ruff. While most of the gamebirds are portrayed in grey shade, each side has one gamebird in flight, inlaid in gold. The alternating grey shade and gold leaves emanate the feeling of autumn and that wonder it represents to wing shooters across the globe. The receiver is protected by the proprietary Invisalloy™ finish.

The trigger guard flows into the grip like a steady brook into its parent river. The long trigger

guard is embellished with handsome combinations of grey shade and gold inlay engraving, shaped to compliment the graceful curves of the round body action. Caesar Guerini proudly displays their name on both sides of the action in a conservative manner, presumably so as not to distract from the ornamentation of this model, but to compliment it. The bottom of the receiver is marked with the namesake of this piece in grey shade and perfectly blends into the adornments around it. The trigger plate is engraved with the monogram of the firm known around the world as a leader in fine engraving, Bottega C. Giovanelli. The firm's director and master engraver, Dario Cortini, conceived this unique and original pattern, which strays some from traditional themes and scroll.

The mechanics behind the action are the standard Caesar Guerini Ellipse type with replaceable trunions and a Browning style locking bolt which engages the bottom of the monoblock. The bottom of the monoblock engages two recesses in the base of the receiver but does not penetrate through. Where this receiver strays from the standard Ellipse series of guns is the addition of the faux side plates which elegantly radius back, offering the additional surface area, or in this case the engravers canvas.

The safety is arranged on top of the receiver tang, in traditional Italian fashion, with a cross bolt barrel selector. The safety on the sporting model is manual but an



Shooting the Revenant

Here's a solid tip. If you want to draw attention to yourself on the range, grab a Revenant. Notwithstanding the appearance of a museum piece, the

dream to shoot and without a doubt stands in contention for the most visually striking shotgun in the rack at any point in time.

These shotguns are flying off gun racks across the country and around the world. To get your hands on a truly unique and beautiful sporting shotgun, you can find a dealer nearest to you by visiting gueriniusa.com ■

automatic safety is available as an option. This model sports the new DTS trigger system, which allows the user an option of two trigger pull weights combined with take up, over travel and length of pull adjustments. Wood to metal fit is magnificent.

The Barrels

This model's barrels are beautifully hot blued giving a rich contrast to the wood and receiver. The 30 inch barrels weigh in at just a tad under three pounds, making for a swift moving sub-gauge sporter. The barrels are chambered for 2 3/4 inch length shells and are fitted with four-inch DuoCon forcing cones in the 20-gauge model. The bore is chrome lined with a diameter of .626 inches and fitted for the six MAXIS chokes that come standard with the sporting model.

A ventilated mid-rib dissipates heat on warm shooting days while the barrels are topped with a 6mm high rib which is 10mm wide. The rib bears a silver mid-bead and a white Bradley-style front bead. In

Revenant is truly a piece of functional art. Handsome features of the round action are truly accentuated with the engraving that follows the curves of the action. This model is very sleek and elegant in the hands. The checkering is pleasant but makes for a sure grip. Balance is excellent and the Revenant moves swiftly to the break point.

The controls operated flawlessly on the outing to the range. The lock-up was absolute and the triggers were outstanding. The ejectors worked perfectly and were well timed. The geometry of



terms of balance, this model puts the majority of the weight precisely where it belongs, between the hands.

the stock made for comfortable shooting with standard 7/8 ounce 20 gauge loads. This beauty was a

SPECIFICATIONS

MODEL:	REVENANT SPORTING
GAUGE:	20 GAUGE
	(28 GAUGE AVAILABLE)
BARRELS:	30" (TESTED) OR 32"
LOP:	14 3/4"
DAC:	1.5"
DAH:	2.25"
CAH:	.125"
CAT:	.25"
PITCH:	5 DEGREES
GRIP LENGTH:	4" (ADJUSTABLE)
WEIGHT:	7LBS 8OZ
CHOKES:	6 MAXIS COMPETITION
WARRANTY:	LIFETIME LIMITED
SUGGESTED RETAIL:	\$16,575

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