

Gear

Shotguns



EDITOR'S CHOICE

Caesar Guerini Revenant

- \$12,995
- 20-gauge
- Weight: 6 lb. 12 oz.
- Trigger: 4 lb. 12 oz.

Caesar Guerini has pulled off something remarkable with the Revenant. It has created a production shotgun that, except for the final engraving, is never touched by hand, yet exhibits the fit, finish, and handling qualities of an English Best smooth-bore—for a fraction of the price. Yes, 13 grand is real money, but when compared to

the cost of a bespoke gun, which can easily top six figures, it is a good value and an incredible accomplishment.

What that buys is perfection: gorgeous wood, flawless wrap-around checkering, exquisite wood-to-metal fit, a level of engraving that no other gun at this price point even comes close to achieving, and a shotgun that shoots beautifully.

The deeply cut and detailed engraving is a three-step process that begins with an automated laser that does most of the cutting, followed by approximately 10 hours of handwork, and then the final ap-

plication of gold inlay, also done by hand. The Revenant is built along the lines of a classic British game gun, with solid side ribs, 28-inch barrels, a trim fore-end, and a Woodward-style grip. The entire team praised the gun's balance and nimble handling. It swung easily on every target we presented, solidifying our opinion that it would be ideal for any type of upland game.

That last point is perhaps the most important. Yes, the Revenant is lovely to look at, but at its core, it was born to hunt. Little surprise that it ran away with an Editor's Choice award.

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