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Awards of Excellence 2020

Sporting Classics' 18th annual Awards of Excellence salute the best of the best— those companies and individuals whose products and services are having a significant and long-lasting impact on our sporting lives. Nominees for the 2020 awards were submitted by our senior and contributing editors, then finalized by the magazine staff. The honorees were chosen for their achievements in defining what a great sporting product should be. Their engineering, craftsmanship and innovations have set higher standards than ever before.



20-bore Revenant over-and-under.

Shotguns CAESAR GUERINI REVENANT

“Revenant” is roughly defined as “someone or some thing that is reborn or brought back from the dead.” Wes Lang and his crew at Caesar Guerini have appropriately used the term as a moniker for their spectacular new over-and-under.

Dating from the early 1900s, Thomas Boss’ over-and-under was, and still is, one of the most desirable and most coveted shotguns. Caesar Guerini’s 20-bore Revenant is not a copy of the Boss. For one thing, it has an unmistakable, unique flair to its embellishment that is not exactly Italian, nor English nor European. It is unique in the true meaning of the term. And it is stunning!

At the same time, it incorporates many features from its English forebear. The Boss’ sensuous sculpted forend is clearly evident, and so are its impeccable balance and handling characteristics. Guerini’s rebirth coupled the spirit of the original with modern techniques and their time-tested, nearly unbreakable lockwork to breathe life into a gun that is sure to become a modern classic. It may be the most notable new shotgun to come down the pike in a long, long time.

- BOB MATTHEWS