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GUN REVIEW



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This month we look at an outstanding new gun from John Jeffries Custom Shotguns, the Perugini & Visini Suprema.

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RRP: £16,500

www.johnjeffries-customguns.com

Right from the start it's evident that there is something special about this gun. Of course it has everything you'd expect from a luxury top-end gun – from the beautiful well-figured stock to the luxury leather travel case – but there is a lot more than just aesthetics here.

Firstly, Perugini & Visini only make around 150 guns per year, so it's a very exclusive gun. Secondly John Jeffries, originally an engineer by trade, has an innate ability to customise these

guns, right down to the most intricate detail, which results in a bespoke gun that shoots and handles like a dream.

Everything on the gun can be adjusted or specified to create a gun that is bespoke to you. Naturally, that means the stock and engraving, but it also includes the weight and length of barrels, trigger pulls and stock finish to name but a few. If you don't know what weight of gun you should spec, don't worry, as John will take you through every step of the process to give you the best gun for your needs that's tuned to perfection.

The Suprema also features the patent-applied-for HVR or High Vision Rib. Simplistically



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it is a ramp on the rib that raises it by 7mm and can be either 7cm or 15cm in length. This feature means that you see much more of the rib when the gun is mounted and the foresight is much more prominent. Your cheek is placed a little higher than normal, but what you get is a far better peripheral vision around the target which naturally improves your scores. I was initially concerned that the gun would shoot high, but it shoots completely flat and it feels completely natural.

The test gun featured the 'Ultra Comfort' palm swell which is very comfortable and, again, can be adjusted when ordering to fit your hand exactly. The trigger blades fit your finger perfectly and it is these exceptional levels of attention to detail that make this gun so special. The triggers can be adjusted to suit and the whole trigger mechanism is detachable and can be removed in seconds. I have to comment on the quality of metalwork and engineering, once detached, it was sublime.

John Jeffries is a staunch

advocate that a well-balanced and weighted gun is the key to successful shooting. John also believes that longer barrelled shotguns produce a steadier swing and deliver a better performance and scores.

After shooting the test gun for a while I was shocked to find out that it was fitted with 34" barrels – the longest that I have ever shot, yet I would have put money on that fact that it was much shorter.

This is because it is so perfectly weighted that it's effortless to swing.

I'm not a big chap by any means, but could shoot this gun all day long and enjoy it.

That is testament to the engineering background of John and also simple physics.

It was impressive to use it so easily on close targets such as rabbits and low crossers, without ever feeling that the gun was unwieldy. On long crossers and driven birds the Suprema again excelled.

The basic model starts at £16,500 with engraving, wood upgrades and sideplates all available at extra cost. This bespoke gun will give you a lifetime of enjoyable shooting.



MAKE/ACTION	Perugini & Visini Suprema HVR (High Vision Rib), boxlock ejector
GAUGE	12g
ACTION	Over and under, boxlock ejector
CHAMBER	2 3/4in (3in can be specified)
BARREL LENGTH	34in
CHOKES	Fixed Choke at 1/2 and 1/2
STOCK ADJUSTMENT	Bespoke fitting
STOCK FINISH	Bespoke
WEIGHT	8lbs 4oz

OVERALL
RATING

9.8¹⁰

RATINGS: Value for money: 9 Handling/balance: 10 Specification: 10 Build quality: 10 Mechanical function: 10