



SALVINELLI
RSR ADVANCED

GUN
REVIEW

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New for 2020 from John Jeffries Custom Guns is the Salvinelli 'High Vision' Advanced RSR – an entry level gun available now.

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RRP: £6,800 (fixed choke option) m/c is an extra £520.
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We tested the Perugini and Visini HVR last year and were amazed by its performance and balance – but it's price tag may have been prohibitive for some. The Advanced RSR is a third of the price of the HVR, so are quality and features compromised in a

more competitively priced model? Let's find out.

First impressions of the RSR are really good, the woodwork is fantastic, highly figured walnut with a lovely natural oil finish. The simple plain black action contrasts the wood brilliantly, and the gold lettering on both the barrels and action is a really pleasing finishing touch. Handling the gun, things get even better. RSR stands for 'Reverse Slope Rib', in real terms this means that the rib is lower at the action end than at the muzzle. In fact, you can actually see 6mm of rib at the action, whereas

a standard shotgun would be more like 1 or 2mm. It is a different sighting picture, but when shooting

is extremely comfortable and allows far better target acquisition, resulting in better performance and higher scores.

One of the key selling points with a John Jeffries gun is the fitting – John is one of the best in the business. Customers will

be seen a minimum of three times during this process to ensure the perfect fit.

The 'head up' shooting position delivered from the design of the rib means that a good gun fit, as always, is essential to avoid the gun shooting high. Other notable points are the unique flute

shaped fore-end which John designed, and the comfortable palm swell.

The RSR utilises 33" barrel length, which some may think seems a little unwieldy, but as with the HVR it's the perfect engineering and balance that makes all the difference. The RSR swings effortlessly, it really is a joy to shoot. I tested the gun at Oakedge SG and it handled their variety of sporting targets with ease. I was really impressed with its ability to handle a fast right to left rabbit, about 15 yards away. Typically you would assume would be tricky with the longer barrel length, but it moves so well to be troubled at all. Conversely, it's that same length of barrel that handled a 40 yard crossing midi admirably,

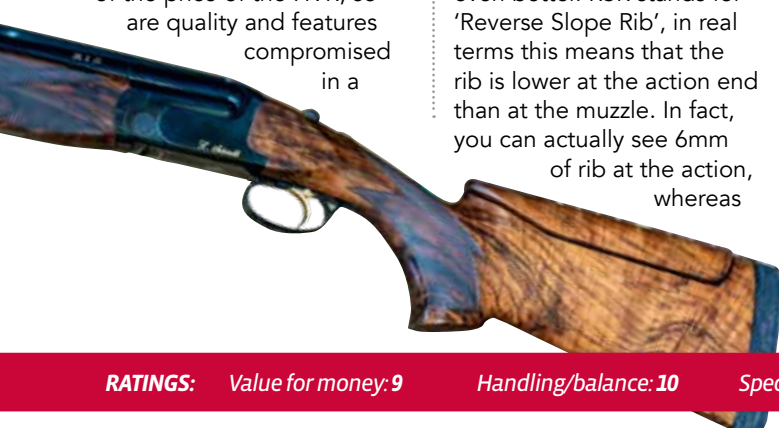
producing a smooth and well controlled swing.

I really enjoyed shooting the RSR and it pained me to give it back – it's astonishing that at this price tag there has been no compromise at all from John Jeffries in delivering a superbly engineered

shotgun that looks fantastic, shoots like a dream and will increase your scores. I cannot recommend highly enough that you check out the RSR, you will not be disappointed.

Price includes two year guarantee and all fitting and alterations pre and post purchase (if required).

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MAKE	Salvinelli RSR Advanced
GAUGE	12g
ACTION	Over & Under
CHAMBER	3"
BARREL LENGTH	33"
CHOKES	Fixed choke 1/2 & 1/2, M/C at extra cost.
STOCK ADJUSTMENT	Bespoke fitting
STOCK FINISH	Customer choice
WEIGHT	8.8 lbs but can be specified by customer

OVERALL RATING
9.4 /10

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