

GUN TESTS REPORT CARD

Beretta Silver Pigeon II Sporting 20 Gauge

No. J687435, \$2950

GUN TESTS GRADE: B+

We really had to nitpick to find flaws with this nice little gun. It was only in the fine points and in the side-by-side shooting comparison that we felt it necessary to give this one a less than perfect grade. We wished that Beretta included fiber-optic front sight pins, extended choke tubes, and the option for 32-inch barrels. And though the Silver Pigeon handles beautifully for the most part, it was whippy on long targets, our bigger, taller shooters said. But women and teen shooters will love this firearm. Its 3-inch chambers also allow it to cross over from the clays field to the uplands.

Caesar Guerini Magnus 20 Gauge, \$3850

GUN TESTS GRADE: B+

The Guerini earned points for its attention to detail, superb fit and finish, the addition of extended choke tubes, an adjustable trigger, and the availability of 32-inch barrels. We cannot say enough about the company's pit-stop program.

However, we think that the gun needs porting to counter what we felt was slightly more muzzle rise. We also have to knock the gun's stock pitch, which caused the gun to shoot high.

Browning Cynergy Classic 20 Gauge No. 01324572, \$3235

GUN TESTS GRADE: A-

There wasn't a thing we disliked about the way this gun handled. If you're a competitive shooter looking for a sub-gauge gun that closely resembles the handling and balance of your main event 12 gauge, then this is the gun for you. It comes with fiber optics, porting, adjustable trigger, extended choke tubes, and a stock configuration that won't make you feel like you're shooting a sub-gauge.

We graded it down one step for sloppy checkering, its lack of a hard case, and because only three choke tubes were included where the others had five. For more than \$3000, we think a plastic hard case and the two extra choke tubes wouldn't have been too much to ask.

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