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100th Anniversary of the Laguiole Bee Collection

In Laguiole, at the beginning of the last century, a new knife originated. It was a rustic blend of the Spanish "navaja" and the "capuchadou", the modest dagger of the Aubrac peasants. And because it was the ironsmiths of Laguiole who created it in their imagination and forged it with their hands, the knife took its name form its birthplace and was christened the "Laguiole".

FORGE DE LAGUIOLE opened its doors in 1987, the product of a goup of passionate visionaries dedicated to reintroducing the fabrication of this famous knife in the town of its birth. All the traditional folding knives from FORGE DE LAGUIOLE are marked "Laguiole Origin Garantie" at the base of the blade. This attests to the knife's controlled quality and production origin.

In Laguiole, the huge blade designed by Philippe Starck, rising out of the roof of the "Forge de Laguiole" factory, seems to cut through the clouds and draw in the Aveyron sky the capital "L" which is the signature found on all knives manufactured here.



In the past, on this part of the knife, each artisan sculpted a figure which represented his inspiration and reflected his talent. Many older models were decorated with the scallop shell carried by pilgrims to St. Jacques de Compostella, four leaf clovers and animal heads. The bee became the standard decoration later in the development of the knives. Forge de Laguiole has honored this tradition and makes models with traditional bees as well as special, individualized pieces. Each knife made with a bee is hand chiseled in the traditional manner.

2009 is the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Laguiole Bee. Bee appeared on Laguiole Knives in the first decade of 20th Century. Forge De Laguiole would like to introduce the 100th Anniversary Limited Edition of the Laguiole Bee Collection, which was conceived in the spirit of tradition of innovation and will be a treasurable gift for collectors.

QUEEN MOTHER BEE





Chiselled bee on the top of the spring and the brass bolster

Forged bee and spring



Reference: M14 01 09 – 1114F B

Description: Pocket knife 14cm, 1 piece, chiseled bee, 1 sculpted brass bolster, horn tip handle, stainless steel damascus blade.

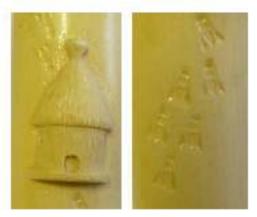
Packaging: Black leather belt case with authenticity certificate Price: HK\$19,680

SWEET HONEY BEE





Sculpted bee (on the left part of the handle)



Sculpted hive and bees (on the right part of the handle)



Forged bee: bee settled in an inverted position

Reference: M12 01 09 – 1012F BU

Description: Pocket knife 12cm, 1 piece, sculpted bee and handle, full boxwood handle, T12 stainless steel blade (matt finish).

Packaging: Wooden gift box with authenticity certificate Price: HK\$15,490

FLYING BEE



Mechanical brass wings (closed and opened positions)

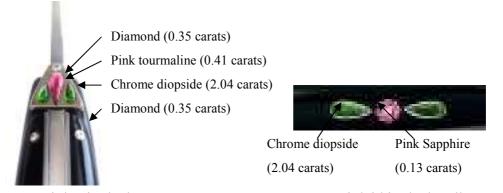
Reference: R14 01 09 – 1014F B

Description: Pocket knife 14cm, 1 piece, mechanical bee, full ebony handle, T12 stainless steel blade (matt finish).

Packaging: Black leather belt case with authenticity certificate Price: HK\$77,660

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Gems inlay in the bee

Gems inlaid in the handle

Reference: R12 01 09 - 1012F BN

Description:: Pocket knife 12cm, 1 piece, sculpted bee, full black horn tip handle, gems inlaid in the handle and bee, T12 stainless steel blade (polish finish).

Packaging: Wooden gift box with authenticity certificate Price: HK\$56,570

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