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WILMOTTE - MURANO



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Published following the "Aqua e fogo" (Water and Fire) exhibition, this book presents the glasswork produced in Murano by architect and designer Jean-Michel Wilmotte. It features a preface by Bruno Racine, writer and director of Palazzo Grassi/Punta della Dogana (Pinault Collection) in Venice, and a text by Marzia Scalon, curator at the Centro Studi Vetro of the Fondazione Giorgio Cini.

Celebrating the unique skills of Venetian glassblowers and craftsmen, Wilmotte's "Vaisseaux" collection is a skilful blend of tradition and modernity. Inspired by the flasks and stills in his pharmacist father's laboratory, the works are created in the historic workshops of Murano, an island in the Venetian lagoon known the world over for the excellence of its master glassmakers.

Glass, a complex material in which water and fire play an essential role, offers almost infinite creative possibilities to those who know how to master it. The collaboration between Wilmotte and the Murano glassmakers has given rise to unique works, imbued with the designer's vision of playing with shapes and structures. The transparency and delicacy inherent in glass are complemented by clean lines, sober colors - white and blue - and subtle finishes, for a contemporary, balanced result in which composition is the key word.

Featuring more than 150 illustrations, this book contrasts Luigi 'Gigi' Ferrigno's historic images of Murano in the 50s and 60s with previously unpublished photographs by Alessandra Chemollo and slowphoto.studio, which initiate a fruitful dialogue between eternal Venice and Wilmotte's creations, in compositions that play with light and reflections. Each of the photographs invites us to wander and discover Venice and Murano, blending architecture and craftsmanship in a quest for beauty and harmony.

As part of Venice Glass Week, Fornace Simone Cenedese is exhibiting a selection of remarkable pieces from the "Vaisseaux" collection from Saturday September 9, and will be previewing the book "Wilmotte Murano".

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