

Grönefeld 1941 Principia Mandala participation, Only Watch 2023

About three generations:

It all began in 1912 in Oldenzaal, a small town in the east of the Netherlands. At the time Johan Grönefeld, the grandfather of Bart and Tim, was a visionary watchmaker who possessed an unmatched passion for clock, turret and watch movements.

By the end of the 1960's Sjef – inspired by his father - and Netty Grönefeld continued Johan's business and paved the horological path for their sons Bart and Tim.

In 2008, Bart and Tim launched the brand Grönefeld. With three GPHG awards the Grönefeld name became synonymous with exceptional quality and craftsmanship, a testament to the skills passed down from one generation to the next.

The value of the three generations of Grönefeld watchmakers extended beyond the tangible craftsmanship of their timepieces. Their legacy lay in their relentless pursuit of perfection, their unwavering commitment to quality, and their dedication to preserving the art of traditional watchmaking. The Grönefeld name had become a symbol of excellence and a testament to the enduring value of family heritage in the world of horology.

For the first time Bart and Tim decided to add a hinged hunter case back to one of their timepieces. This Grönefeld 1941 Principia Mandala is the first and only Grönefeld timepiece that has such a case back. The inside of the case back has an engraving with the images of Bart, Tim and their father Sjef.

The dial of the watch showcases a vibrant and intricate mandala design, inspired by the colorful logo of the 10th anniversary of Only Watch. A mandala is a symbol of the universe in its ideal form, it holds the power to transform a universe of suffering into one of joy. On the dial, you'll find highly polished hour markers. To make this unique dial we started off with 60 base dials to create one perfect dial. It took 16 clichés to print the dial, one cliché for each color.

Overall, this wristwatch with a colorful mandala dial exudes a sense of artistic beauty, making it a captivating accessory that adds a touch of elegance and vibrancy to your wrist.

Case

A hunter case back has been added to the Grönefeld stainless steel 1941 Principia case. This caseback adds a touch of elegance and nostalgia to the watch's easthetic, as well as providing an additional layer of protection for the movement. The inside of the case back has an engraving with the images of Bart, Tim and their father Sjef. The exterior is engraved "Grönefeld for Only Watch".

Dial

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Caliber

Grönefeld G-06 automatic movement completely hand finished, stainless steel bridges, gold chatons and a 22K solid gold oscillating weight. The well-known stainless steel bridges replicate the facades of the Dutch houses.

Bracelet

Salmon strap in two colors matching the dial and Only Watch 2023 logo with a stainless steel Grönefeld 1941 Principia buckle.

Dimensions

Diameter: 39.5mm, Thickness: 11.5mm, Lug to lug: 47.2mm