



<i>Segment:</i>	<b>Limited, HRH</b>
<i>Line nr:</i>	<b>56</b>
<i>Line name</i>	<b>PICO the ALCHEMIST</b>
<i>Version:</i>	<b>Silver &amp; Diamonds/ Gold / Gold &amp; Diamonds</b>
<i>Material:</i>	Acrylic + Silver & diamonds Acrylic + Solid Gold Acrylic + Solid Gold & diamonds
<i>Ltd:</i>	<b>38 pcs</b>
<i>code:</i>	
KP56-01	Black Acrylic + vermeil Silver 925 + Black Diamonds
KP56-02	Red Acrylic + solid Gold
KP56-03	Red Acrylic + solid Gold + White/Yellow Diamonds

## History

**Alchemy** is a philosophical and pre scientific tradition practiced throughout Europe, Egypt and Asia during the XII century. Common aims were: the **transmutation of "basic metals"** (e.g., lead) into "noble" ones (particularly gold) and t the creation of an **elixir of immortality**.

Modern discussions about alchemy are generally split into an examination of its exoteric practical applications and its esoteric **spiritual side**.

These last were defined as **a constant research of the perfection**; transforming basic metals in gold was just an allegoric image for better representing how the four elements which should have been mixed to generate the fifth element: God, who is nothing but perfection.

When some ancient alchemical boards – attributable to Leonardo da Vinci - were discovered in the Medici Laurenziana library in Florence; this led excitement in all the scientific community in Florence.

Visconti being a strong representative of the Florentine Community decided to celebrate the event by launching a Limited-Edition Pen, which is unique in the world, having two writing systems (FP and RB).

Later two even more precious versions were added, with a FP nib on each end.

## Notes

The pen is available in three versions: vermeil silver, solid gold, solid gold & diamonds



### **Vermeil silver:**

it is entirely lathed out from a solid bar of **precious glossy black resin**, and the resin body is enriched with **two overlay filigrees ( Silver sterling 925 )**; one filigree is white gold plated, while the other is yellow gold plated. The filigrees are **encrusted with black diamonds**.

The central part is adorned with two rings where black diamonds are embedded.

Black diamonds are the stones which better represent the esoteric approach to the alchemy theory.

One side with the fountain pen famous 23kt Palladium nib of Visconti and the other side with the Roller Ball tip. Two **writing instruments in one**: this is a revolution in the world of Silver version.

### **Solid Gold :**

in the gold versions the **resin bar is red** and the **two overlay filigrees are in Solid Gold 18 kt** . Filigrees are plated in yellow and white gold. There are **two Pd 23 kt nibs**: one yellow gold plated and the other white gold plated.

### **Solid Gold & diamonds:**

in this versions **the resin bar is still red** and the two overlay filigrees in solid Gold 18 kt ( one yellow plated and one white plated) . **The filigrees are encrusted with white diamonds**.

**Filigrees represent the alchemical boards** ( found in the Library) that are very symbolic and they recall the union of the four elements which give origin to the **“Quinta Essentia” ( 5th element )**.

The fountain pen section is quite sophisticated in order to recall the manipulation of strange substances and alembics ; it has been designed to be refilled with a **dedicated eyedropper**.

The pen is provided with a **dedicated pen-stand and box**.

**The pen-stand is shaped to the spiritual representation of the circle of life**. Indeed, there are two dragons that are eating each other in a circle. While one dragon dies the other is re-borning.

The Inkwell made out of solid Crystal is a copy of some ancient “magical” pots used during experiments hold in secret rooms during the middle age. Unscrewing the pot there are two small cavities to host two different kind of inks.



## **Technical Features**

<i>Writing</i>	<b>FP+ RB / FP + FP</b>
<i>Pen Size</i>	Oversize
<i>Nib</i>	Pd 23 Kt. white / Pd 23 kt white + Pd 23 kt yellow Large
<i>Nib Point</i>	F, M, B, EF, S
<i>Colour</i>	Glossy Black / Gold / Red
<i>Filling System</i>	Eye Dropper
<i>Artwork</i>	Microfusion, overlay filigree
<i>Metal Trims</i>	Vermeil Silver / yellow and white gold
<i>My Pen System</i>	no
<i>Box</i>	Dedicated stand, box Inkwell