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Alchemy is a seemingly magical process of transformation that creates the precious from the mundane. Entering the world of artisan glassblower Simone Crestani, a handful of sand subjected to heat, force and an artist's touch results in such stunning glass artefacts that the process could indeed be considered magical.

Crestani launched his own atelier after more than 10 years of apprenticeship to master glassblowers. He reinterprets, in

exciting, contemporary ways, the ancient, artisanal traditions of glass-makers from the Venice region, using a technique he describes as 'hollow sculpture'. His work comprises table art, lighting and one-off pieces that find inspiration in nature, including designs that draw on stags' antlers and bonsai trees. Crestani's excellence was recognised by a Talent du Luxe 2018 award from the Paris-based Centre du Luxe et de la Création. WW

