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This limited-edition Aston Martin is a Sistine Chapel for Swedish tree huggers

LeadV8 engines and a love of nature typically don't mix all too well, but this rare Aston Martin Vantage "Swedish Forest Edition" is the ideal daily for the petrol head with a green thumb.





Usually we'd try not to mention naturally-aspirated V8 engines around environmental activists, but considering how much carbon is released into the atmosphere with the production of a new car — petrol or electric — this lightly-used 2017 Aston Martin V8 Vantage S offers a relatively guilt-free way into the eight cylinder club. Regardless of the veracity of the above statement, nature lovers might want to take a closer look at this British sports car, because it's one of a mere 4 "Swedish Forest Editions" of the V8 Vantage S ever made.





At a glance, you might miss details like the green-tinted exposed carbon fibre or the bespoke China Gray paintwork, but step inside and you'll see that Aston's Q customisation department has its fingerprints all over this rare Vantage S. The two-tone green and black leather seats feature an intricate diamond pattern, while the dash features mirrored wood trim, helping this baby Aston to feel every bit the grown-up grand tourer. However, to appreciate this car's party piece you'll need to look straight up, where you'll notice that the suede headliner has been printed with the image of a Swedish forest's canopy. It's a detail we've certainly never seen before, and we can only imagine it must help the driver achieve a state of zen in bumper-to-bumper traffic or at a particularly long red light.





However, with 431 horsepower on tap courtesy of that 4.7-litre V8, you'll want to keep your eyes on the road while enjoying this future classic, especially as it currently shows a mere 15,500 km on the odometer. So, if you can't see the wood for the trees in today's overly-digital sports car landscape, why not add this extremely rare variant of one of Aston's greatest hits to your garage?

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