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5 collector cars to put in your garage this week

Lead

The first of our weekly market selections in 2019 is a treat for the connoisseurs among you, ranging from a royal Lamborghini Miura to an immaculate Maserati Bora that's been given the Midas touch. Oh, and a safari-spec Porsche 911 that's ready for whatever the year may throw at it...

The royal treatment





In 1972, the Saudi royal family took delivery of this Lamborghini Miura SV. Given its customer's standing and influence, Lamborghini endowed the car with two small aero canards at the front – an option it allegedly granted to just one other car. It also happens to be one of 96 Miuras with the desirable split-sump system. Though its striking metallic grey and orange colour scheme is not original, we think it looks absolutely spectacular.

Long live the King?

Many would argue that the supercar game of thrones began and ended with the Ferrari F40. Its ferocious performance, lack of driver aids, and no-frills purpose instantly won it a place in the hearts of diehard drivers and star-struck teenagers alike when it was launched in the late 1980s. If you were one of those teenagers who's now in a position to indulge in their dream machine, the Classic Driver Market is a great place to start. This F40 is one of four examples currently offered by Martini Garage in Germany and shows a scant 5,900km on the clock. It also stars in a rather beautiful video produced by its vendor which perfectly captures the appeal of this fascinating Ferrari.

Bang for buck?





Ocellus Teal – that's the name of the alluring shade of blue this 2016 Aston Martin V12 Vantage S is painted. And we think it suits the short and squat sports car really rather well. The fully-loaded Aston's interior is equally enticing, blending Obsidian Black leather and Alcantara with bright orange accents, piping, and stitching. At a whisker below 115,000 euros, we reckon that's a hell of a lot of bang of buck, especially as it's only travelled some 7,000 miles.

The Midas Touch





Every so often, there will be a car in the Classic Driver Market that simply stops us in our tracks. This 1973 Maserati Bora 4.9 resplendent in gold is one of those cars. The colour's official name is *Oro Kelso* and it is just the hue to accentuate the minimal elegance of Giugiaro's mid-engine sports car. The recipient of a fantastic restoration in the 1990s and boasting matching numbers, this Bora was among the first of the circa-275 examples built to be delivered Stateside. Today, it's in the Netherlands.

This is just a tribute





Last year a Rothmans-liveried Porsche 959 Paris-Dakar hammered away at auction for 5.95m US dollars, making it one of the ten most expensive cars sold in 2018. Fortunately, you needn't shell out such a gargantuan sum to experience the 911's renowned off-road prowess – this 1980 Porsche 911 SC Safari 'Rothmans Tribute' recently emerged for sale in the Market and it appears to have been built by people who know what they're doing to the highest standard. And judging the photos on the listing, we'd say that pays dividends when the going gets rough. Smiles per mile? Uncountable!

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