

Best of 2021



Vertere Acoustics Sabre

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Moving magnet cartridges used to be considered less worthy of an audiophile's respect than the moving coil designs, but this burnt orange beauty by Touraj Moghaddam's Vertere is going to seriously challenge that attitude. It has a full-bodied sound, even-handedly portraying the full frequency range. It is very musical and engaging, encouraging extended listening sessions. It is supplied with thumbscrews to fit it to the arm's headshell – no fiddly Allen keys here. As with most MM designs, the stylus can be replaced, which will make this a boon for professional users and enthusiastic amateurs alike.