





My Quail Winning 6C 2500 SS

As one of the most expensive cars of its era, the Alfa Romeo 6C 2500 was owned by celebrated luminaries (including Rita Hayworth, Prince Ranier, and King Farouk) and made a cameo appearance in 1972 in The Godfather movie. The SS (Super Sport) model was the top of the line 6C offered combining style with performance. Between 1942 and 1953 less than 70 Cabriolet examples (some say 25-30) were made by Pinin Farina.

This example was delivered to a Milanese toothpaste magnate in 1949. Early history was lost, but we know it was in the USA by 1959. Subsequent owners Kaminski and Sheetz both purchased the car in boxes. Each owned the car for around 20 years and each wanted to do the restoration themselves, but neither ever started the daunting task. Therefore, this car was in "boxes" from at least 1976 to 2018, until its complete restoration in Eastern Europe. Prior to restoration, the odometer showed 41,000 km, which is believed to be original, particularly due to the fact that the car was out of service for over forty years.

Strangely enough, very few parts were lost over the years and almost all were included in the 47 boxes. The body was disassembled, stripped and painted in its



original red with cream livery including three coats of lacquer. All mechanical parts were refurbished or replaced, as needed, with original style which preserved the integrity of this classic automobile. The car currently carries an A 3 FIVA card attesting to its originality. Upon receipt of the car in 2018, there were numerous mechanical issues which took over a year and half to fix and complete and now it is a great running and looking Alfa. This is my fourth Alfa and current favorite!

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THE QUAIL AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE **2020** THE **Q**UAIL'S **D**IGITAL CAR WEEK 'SPIRIT OF THE **Q**UAIL' **AWARD WINNER**

Although we were unable to gather in person this year, we are proud to celebrate the essence of the show by awarding one outstanding vehicle with the 2020 Digital 'Spirit of The Quail' Award!

"With as many applications as we received from all four corners of the world, we knew as The Quail Motorsports Council, that we would have a very difficult decision to make regarding picking a winner for this year's Virtual Award," says Gordon McCall, Director of Motorsports. "And quite frankly, every car entered had several elements to it that made it uniquely qualified to win, our only wish was that we could have chosen them all!" Gordon goes on to share, "Knowing that it needed be one, and after careful and thoughtful deliberation amongst the Council, the 1949 Alfa Romeo 6C 2500 SS Cabriolet with coachwork by Pinin Farina owned by Mr. Joe Hurwich was chosen, as it absolutely ticked all of the boxes that make up our 'Spirit of The Quail' criteria. An open bodied Alfa Romeo is truly within the spirit of motoring, its design is timeless, as is the driving experience and performance of its era. The engineering innovation has withstood the test of time as well, and so has another key factor in the choice of this car, and that is the dedication and enthusiasm of the owner."

"This is a car that went from a series of boxes, to a fully restored to its original glory masterpiece, through a labor of love by the owner, that did not go unnoticed by The Quail Motorsports Council," Gordon continues. "Truly a worthy winner for this great award."















