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Introducing the Tribute™ line. Are they Frank Centofante customs or are they CRKT® collaborations? We think Frank would be very happy with our new lockbacks.

Frank Centofante, one of the pioneers in the custom knifemaking movement, passed away in September of 2009 before he could see this lockback design go into Columbia River Knife & Tool® (CRKT®) production. After a few moments of reflection, we decided to name the series the Centofante Tribute™.

Frank was not only highly successful, winning countless knife awards internationally, serving as President of the Knifemakers' Guild, and being inducted into the Cutlery Hall of Fame, but he was a genuinely nice person who will be greatly missed by all who knew him. While you'll find many of Frank's customs made with Damascus steels and exotic handle materials, he was perhaps best known for his sleek and simple lockbacks.

The Tribute™, Frank's final production collaboration, is a fitting statement of simplicity and craftsmanship. It is a classic drop point lockback folder, with no gimmicks, no frills, no complex mechanisms, not even a clip. His meticulous approach to knifemaking is detailed in his chapter in the "Bible," *How To Make Folding Knives*, published in 1988, and that is exactly how we are making the Tribute.

First, there is the 3.125" drop point Razor-Sharp blade of premium 7Cr17MoV stainless steel in a satin finish. It has a high flat grind and a nail nick for opening. That's it. No bumps or facets, just the cleanest and simplest shape possible, ground and finished by hand.

The 4.06" open-build frame is simply two pieces of strong and lightweight Micarta®, layered in chestnut brown and black. There is the stainless steel lockback lever which forms the spine, and a stainless steel back spacer.

The pivot is peened in the style of Frank's customs, as are the assembly pins. Finally, the handle is shaped and polished by hand.

Tribute™ 2. We are also making the Tribute with a 2.875" blade and 3.875" handle, resulting in an even more discreet, lightweight carry at 1.3 ounces.

The result: Two knives for gentlemen (or ladies) that are at home anywhere. Yes, they look and feel like works of art, but these are knives that fit with Frank's philosophy that a knife is built to use. Perhaps the most surprising feature of these knives is their very affordable pricing. The smaller 6050 has an MSRP of just \$39.99, while the larger 6055 is priced at \$44.99 MSRP.

Think of them as our tribute to Frank.

Specifications

Tribute™ 2

6050: Razor-Sharp Cutting Edge
Blade: Length: 2.875" (73 mm)
Thickness: 0.081" (2.1 mm)
Steel: 7Cr17MoV, 57-59 HRC
Closed: Handle length: 3.875" (98 mm)
Open: Overall length: 6.75" (171 mm)
Weight: 1.3 oz. (37 g)
MSRP: \$39.99 US

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6055: Razor-Sharp Cutting Edge
Blade: Length: 3.125" (79 mm)
Thickness: 0.081" (2.1 mm)
Steel: 7Cr17MoV, 57-59 HRC
Closed: Handle length: 4.06" (103 mm)
Open: Overall length: 7.13" (181 mm)
Weight: 1.5 oz. (43 g)
MSRP: \$44.99 US

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