



CZECH CRYSTAL HISTORY



Czech crystal has a rich history that dates back to the 17th century when the first cutters began working with the natural crystal found throughout Bohemia. The Czech country provide an abundance of materials necessary for crystal production. These natural resources, as well as the diligent, skillful Czech population would lead to the subsequent fame of Czech crystal.

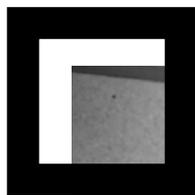
By the beginning of the 18th century, Czech crystal was a well established expression famous far beyond the region known for its distinctiveness and originality. The Czech population easily adapted to changes in market demand. They learned to pigment and color glass, give melted glass many different shapes, paint, cut, and engrave the glass. Through time, they mastered glass technology like no one else on earth.

BOHEMIA JIHLAVA LONG TRADITION



Jihlava glassworks was especially instrumental in spreading the fame of Czech crystal far beyond the frontiers of this country. In 1845 Karl Anton founded the glassworks in Antoninuv Dul, near Jihlava. The town of Jihlava is the oldest of the Bohemia mining towns.

Czech crystal also symbolizes style and grace. To this day, Czech crystal has been able to maintain its unique appearance that no other company can offer. It has earned a sovereign status as one of the major trend setters in the crystal market. Bohemia Jihlava honors the obligation to continue the tradition of craft, creation, and manufacture which spans centuries.



OUR VISION



At Bohemia Jihlava, we see glass as a magical living substance which, in combination with a high lead content, becomes a material with lively sparkle and brilliance in every detail. Czech crystal contains 24%PbO. This lead content gives it a greater sparkle, making it more desirable. The presence of lead also makes the glass softer and easier to cut, making the decorative possibilities endless. Crystal cutting techniques create a brilliant sparkling effect as each cut reflects and transmits light through the piece.

Another advantage of working with lead crystal is the ability to produce perfectly clear, flawless pieces free from trapped air bubbles. Lead crystal also has the unique characteristic of ringing when tapped. These are all important aspects that consumers rely on to distinguish from ordinary glass. Czech crystal appears in many illuminating forms including decanters, tumblers, candlesticks, vases, bowls, etc. perfect for any gift or special occasion.



OUR STANDARDS & PROCESS



High quality standards are present throughout the entire crystal making process. Our dedication to keeping the tradition of Czech crystal alive in combination with these standards guarantees unique design. Our designers always strive for a timeless and unmistakable appearance to enhance the functionality of each unique piece. From the time a design is born on paper it goes through endless speculation. Once we are pleased with the aesthetics of the design on paper, we then inspect the practicality of the piece. From here we continue on with the process to the factory where each piece is produced with delicate precision.

Elegant wrapping is an integral part of a precise and valuable product, which is why Bohemia Jihlava introducing a timeless wrapping featuring the traditional blue logo of Bohemia Jihlava on a delicately decorated white background. With the same care and attention we devote to our own range of products, Bohemia Jihlava also specializes in customizing orders according to the wishes of the customer from beginning to end. Whether in the design phase, during production, or dispatch, we make it our priority that you will be in contact with highly skilled professionals with years of experience behind them.