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In December 2014, Classic Driver broke a sensational story – photographer Rémi Dargegen had captured almost 100 forgotten classics at a French castle, in what proved to be the ‘barn find of the century’. Now comes our book, documenting the fabled Baillon Collection...

A sensational barn find



News of the Baillon Collection proved sensational, quickly spreading around the world. In the grounds of a French castle, almost 100 abandoned classic cars were discovered, including Bugattis, Hispano-Suizas, Delahayes, Delages and a Maserati, all caked in rust, dust and cobwebs. And sleeping under one pile of magazines lay the jewel of the collection – Alain Delon’s Ferrari 250 GT California Spider. Parisian auction house Artcurial was charged with selling the cars at Rétromobile early this year, and [we were given exclusive rights to photograph the barn find](#). Who better to document this stunning discovery than Rémi Dargegen, a man with an extraordinary eye for detail. Within just a few days, our story became the most read in Classic Driver’s history, and no less impressive was the auction itself. Almost every lot well exceeded its pre-sale estimate, and the Ferrari fetched a simply staggering 16.3m euros.

The book on the Baillon Collection



In collaboration with Dargegen and publisher Delius Klasing Verlag, Classic Driver has produced a small but gorgeous photo-book of the Baillon Collection, which visually retells the story of this outstanding discovery, preserving the magic for generations to come.

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