## **END GRAIN DINING TABLE**



The round table was one of Jules Wabbes's favorite creations. It was specifically designed for the house of a private client in Antwerp in 1966.

The thick tabletop is made of rectangular blocks of wenge (Millettia laurentii) glued together to form an end grain board. The palette of dark brown is wonderfully warm, sober, and subtle.

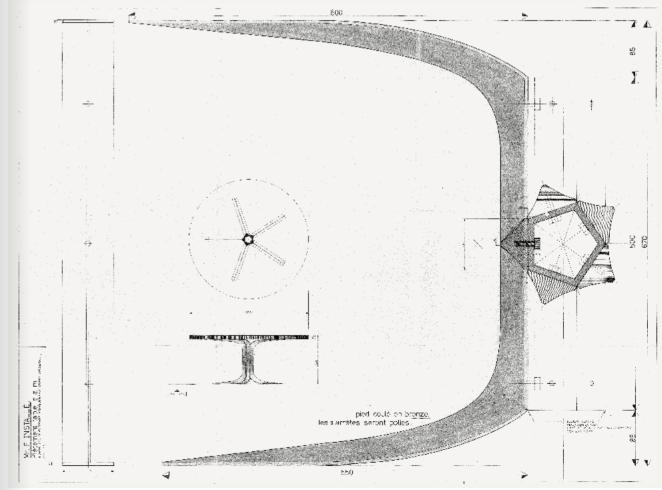
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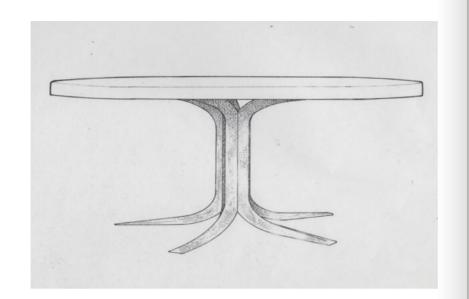
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Original drawing, detail, 1966.

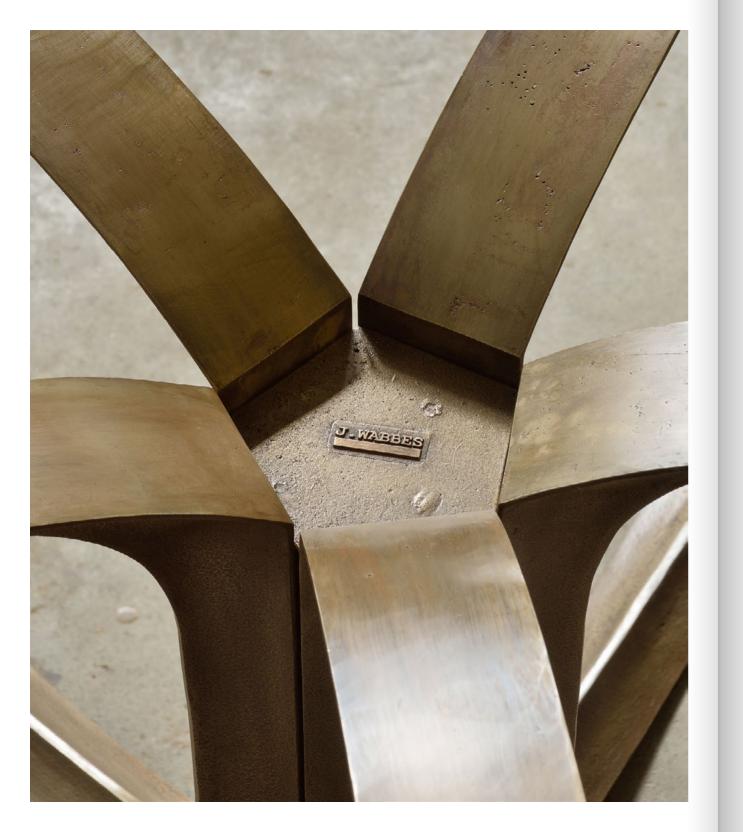


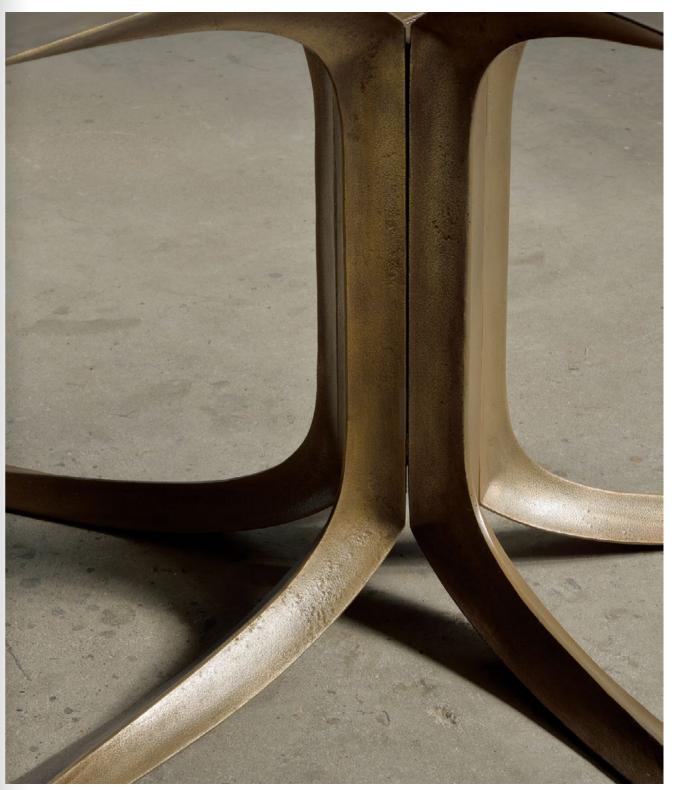




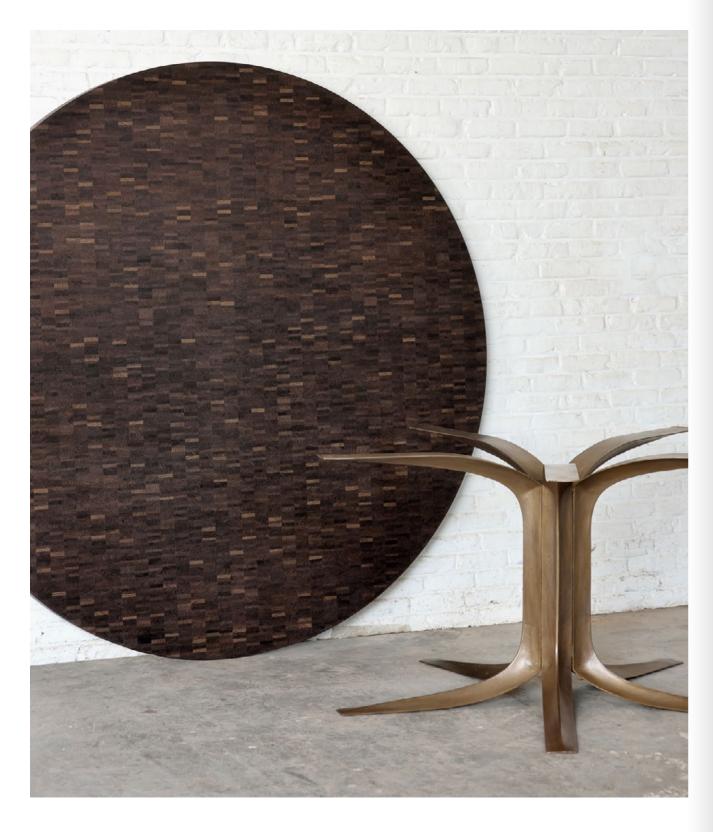












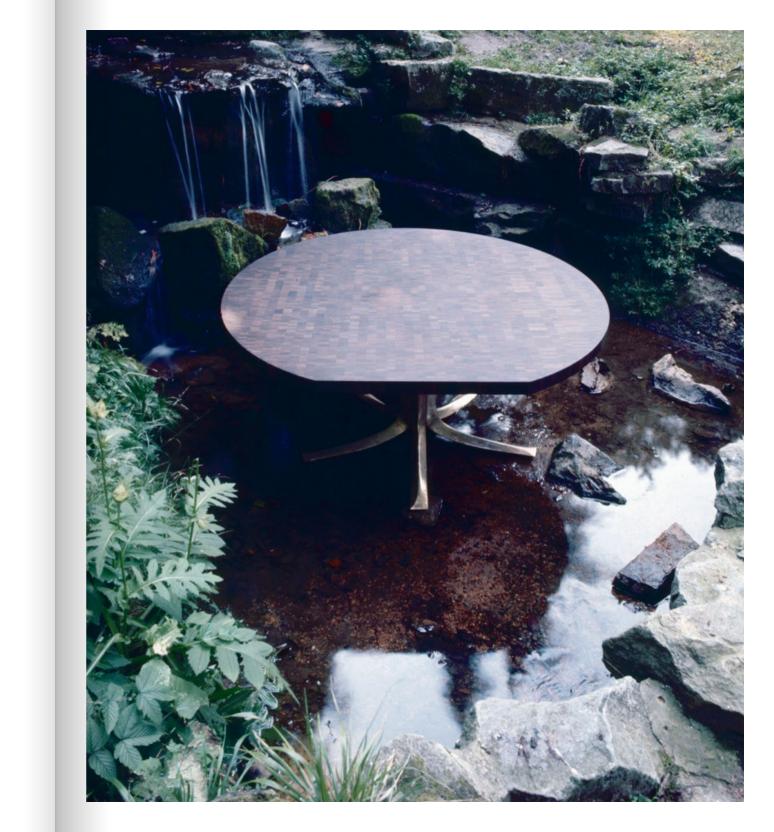








Jules Wabbes setting up his table for a photoshoot.



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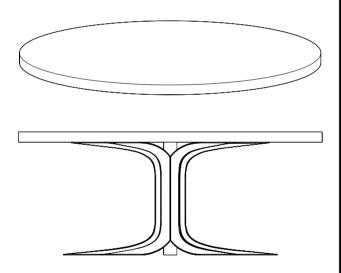
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#### TECHNICAL SPECS

NAME End Grain Dining Table ORIGINAL DESIGN 1966

MATERIAL Raw Bronze, Wenge
DIMENSIONS Made-to-measure

Diam: 1500 to 2200 mm

Height: 730 mm WEIGHT

Base: 100 kg Tabletop: 90 kg

PRODUCTION / EDITION On Demand

The End Grain Dining Table was inspired by a traditional technique of wood joint utilized notably for butcher blocks.

It requires tools and a great technique to make such a tabletop because it has nothing to do with marquetry. Rather, the pieces of wood are thick enough to form a free-standing shelf. The first essays on end grain wood were made by Wabbes in the early 1960s. This kind of joint, end grain technique, is rarely utilized for large tabletops like this.

In addition, the use of wenge, an African wood that is extremely solid, dense, and dark, is one of his trademark creations.

The base is composed of five raw bronze cast elements screwed onto a central pentagonal shaft. Each element has a triangular, but curved, section whose three edges of are polished, a subtle detail that lightens and emphasizes the structure. A central table pedestal is most convenient, as none of your guests will experience the discomfort of being squeezed by an outside or lateral table leg.

This table was conceived as an homage to wood and metal. It will shine in your home and last forever.