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# Delicate Elegance

These handblown glass pieces merge artistry with sophistication *by Dorynna Untivero*

Glass art is an age-long tradition dating back to the Roman Empire. Refined by artisans across hundreds of years, glassmaking styles have evolved, bringing us an array of options today. A glassmith or gaffer manipulates molten glass by introducing air into a glass bubble—this process is done repeatedly and meticulously to create specific designs and colourways. Behind these elegant final products is a rigorous process that requires not only technique and skill but also intricate artistry. Amongst the most famous glass art hubs in the world, many flock to Venice, Italy where this tradition has been preserved and concentrated in the island of Murano since the 13th century.

Here are some beautiful picks that double as art pieces and handy homeware.



## WHEN FLOWERS BLOOM

Inspired by Japanese cherry trees, the Fleurs de Cerisier collection by Lalique is an excellent study in subtle elegance. Illuminated with gold and highlighted with enamel, applied by hand, the cherry blossom design symbolises the ephemeral character of beauty and life, inviting one to marvel at the present moment. *Limited edition vase (only 88 pieces in Asia) | Available at Rustan's*



## EYE-CATCHER

A testament to the fine mastery of Murano's famed glassblowers, this Carlo Moretti crystal vase is the perfect accent in your living area. Handcrafted by glassmaking masters in Murano, Italy, this piece is a work of art. *Available at Portoro Interior*

## STILL ART

Aerate your wine with this intricately designed glass bowl. Featuring no base, this Zalto Burgundy bowl boasts a flat edge to prevent it from rolling off the table. Its striking look is enough of a conversation starter, especially when entertaining at home. *Available at Txanton*