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# French Jewels and The Men and Women Who Wore Them

#### Boucheron

Founded in Paris by Frederic Boucheron in 1858



- Website has make your own jewel option
- Created first solid gold and precious gem cell phones
- Favored by Clientele such as Marlene Dietrich, Rita Hayworth, and Penelope Cruz

#### **Pierre Sterle**

#### Opened Atelier in Paris in 1950



- Had to be invited to his 3<sup>rd</sup> floor salon to view the jewels
- Preferred nature and movement in pieces
- Celebrity clientele included King Farouk of Egypt

## Chaumet

- Established in 1780 in Paris and still in business today
- Appointed by Napoleon as French Court Jeweler



- Most Famous Clients include Empress Josephine, Napoleon I, Marie Antoinette, and Queen Elizabeth II
- Preferred Jewels of Various Royals

#### Cartier

Founded in Paris, France in 1847 by Louis-Francois Cartier



- Earned the patronage of many royal families as court jeweler including the British Royal Family
- Famous Clientele included Grace Kelly, Duchess of Windsor, and Elizabeth Taylor
- Traded a Strand of Pearls for current store location

# Van Cleef and Arpels

First store opened at 22 Place Vendome in Paris in 1906



- First Store in America opened the day of the Stock Market Crash
- Invented the Mystery Setting in 1933
- Famous Clients Include Sophia Loren, Audrey Hepburn, and Julia Roberts

### **House of Boivin**

Started by Rene Boivin in Paris in 1890



- After Boivin's sudden death, his wife Jeanne took over the business and developed more avant garde jewels
- Famous Clientele included Millicent Rogers, Daisy Fellowes, and Edgar Degas

### **Suzanne Belperron**

Started her own firm in Paris after leaving Boivin as head



- Made jewelry for each specific client based on what stones suited their features
- Famous Clientele include the Duchess of Windsor, Elsa Schiaparelli, Frank Sinatra, and Charlie Chaplin

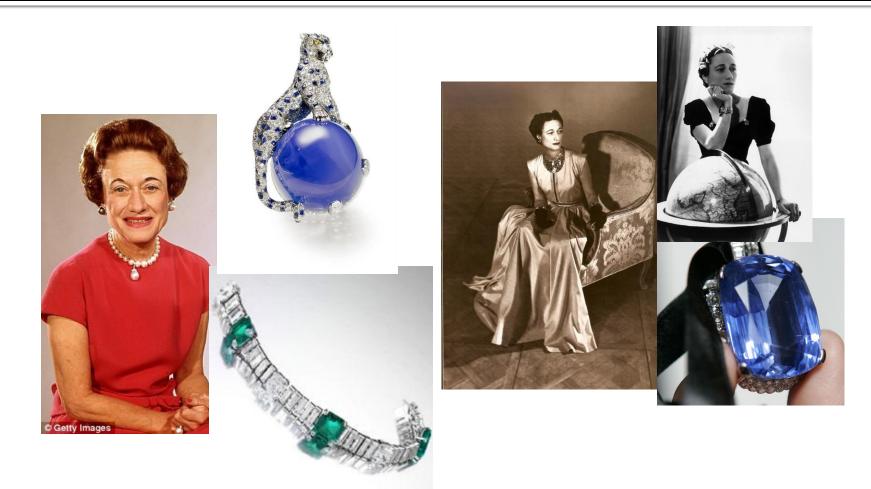
# Jean Schlumberger

Born in 1907 in Alsace, France to a wealthy Textile Family 



- Began career designing costume jewelry for Elsa Schiaparelli Eventually opened his own store in NYC
- Became one of Tiffany & Company's signature designers in 1956
- Famous Clientele include Gary Cooper, Betsey Cushing Whitney, Elizabeth Taylor, and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

#### Perhaps French Jewelry's Greatest Client: The Duchess of Windsor



## **Duchess of Windsor Pearls**

#### The Necklace and Pendant are by Cartier





#### The Earclips are Van Cleef & Arpels



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