BENELLI VINCI MAX-4 CAMO NO. 10525 3-INCH 12 GAUGE, \$1479

Benelli's Vinci didn't live up to its hype, and its comparatively high recoil removed it from consideration as a preferred clays gun. Still, it impressed us as a light, easy-to-use field gun with little maintenance required and instant access to the internals when regular cleaning is needed. Its excellent controls, loadability, portability and shootability made the Vinci a fine field gun in our opinion, even if we still think Benelli is a couple of hundred dollars too proud of its plastic.



SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length	
BARREL LENGTH/TYPE	26.0 in., Ventilated Rib
SIGHT	. Red Bar Front; Silver Center Bead
LOP	
BUTTSTOCK DROP @ Co	OMB (ADJUSTABLE)
BUTTSTOCK DROP @ H	EEL (ADJUSTABLE)

Buttplate	Rubber Recoil Pad
Weight Unloaded	
Capacity	2+1
Steel Shot Capable	Yes (Mod max constriction)
Safety	Crossbolt
Action	Мах-4 Само;
	Recoil, Side Eject



We found that the soft rubber insert array in the stock, combined with the soft recoil pad, did some good in isolating us from the recoil. No, it didn't make the Vinci shoot as softly as the Remington or the Beretta, but it did help. Recoil was tolerable despite its light 7-pound weight and delayed-blowback action.

Benelli's treatment of the loading gate on the Vinci was outstanding, requiring no conscious effort to load the magazine. The shell-carrier release (arrow) is directly in front of the trigger guard. It as also easy to use and recessed to make it snag-free.



A push of the forearm button, a twist of its knob, and the Vinci "lower" comes free in seconds. If you'd like to go farther, the buttstock comes off with a 90-degree twist. We have no idea what practicality fast buttstock removal might have, but we did appreciate the quick "no tools" access to the trigger group for periodic cleaning.

