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What makes a work of art great?

François Grenier's practice investigates the relationship between the formal language of artmaking and the unique properties of his chosen materials. Composition, weight, surface, volume and colour are all things artists traditionally consider. They are, in many ways, the rules and language of artmaking. Artists also like to challenge these rules. Grenier's fascination with the fluidity of perception and the destabilizing influence of the materials he chooses fascinate and inspire him.

In Trimorphism, Grenier sets parameters in the performance of this quest. After establishing the form of his vessels, he designs a two-dimensional response to its structure. Once he is satisfied, he translates that shape back into three dimensions. In this process, Grenier is interested in how the transformative process affects his original vision, as it inescapably shifts and gains new components, dramatically changing its nature.

One mainstay of Grenier's practice is the research and development of new and unusual surface treatments utilizing atypical materials and combinations that are rarely employed. This results in surface crusts that reveal the inherent qualities of these materials, producing an often-unexpected depth and rich tactility. Grenier is not alone in this quest. With the ebullient resurgence of ceramics of the past decade, he is in sync with other ceramists worldwide, carving new paths in the field.



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List of works

Cabossé 2, Ceramic, 7.5 x 15 x 3.5"
Cabossé 12, Ceramic, 6 x 9 x 6"
Cabossé 20, Ceramic, 9 x 15 x 4"
Cabossé 28, Ceramic, 5 x 8 x 5"
Cabossé 29, Ceramic, 6 x 7 x 6"
Cabossé 30, Ceramic, 10 x 15 x 4"
Cabossé 31, Ceramic, 15 x 17.5 x 5.5"
Cabossé 32, Ceramic, 14 x 9.5 x 4"
Cabossé 33, Ceramic, 6.5 x 6 x 5"
Cabossé 34, Ceramic, 21.5 x 25 x 5"
Cabossé 35, Ceramic, 16 x 11 x 4"
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Cabossé 38, Ceramic, 21 x 13.5 x 5.5"
Untitled 27, Ceramic, 12 x 12 x 4"
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Tableau 50, Ceramic, 31 x 18.5"
Tableau 52, Ceramic, 29 x 18.5"
Tableau 54, Ceramic, 37 x 21.5"
Tableau 70, Ceramic, 31 x 18.5"

Cover image: Cabossé 36, Ceramic, 20 x 13 x 5"



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