JORDI VILANOVA I BOSCH



Dining Table
Produced by Jordi Vilanova i Bosch
Spain, 1960s
Wood

Measurements
180 × 85 × 75h cm
70,9 × 33,5 × 29,5h in

Provenance
Private Collection, Spain

Literature
Río Sánchez, M. I. del. (2024). La obra de Jordi Vilanova como diseñador y empresario de la decoración: Estudio de su trayectoria y análisis de su producción 1939–1978.

About
This dining table reflects his interpretation of traditional Catalan furniture through a modern geometric language. Its substantial proportions, thick tabletop and solid slab-like legs recall the robust construction of regional furniture, while the carefully ordered composition introduces a more restrained and architectural character. The tabletop edge is decorated with a continuous sequence of pyramid-shaped motifs, adding a distinctive ornamental detail that contrasts with the simplicity of the overall structure. Brass fittings at the base of the legs introduce a subtle material contrast, combining decorative and functional elements. The natural presence of wood, together with these carefully considered details, illustrates Vilanova's approach to bringing the solidity and material richness of Catalan furniture-making into dialogue with the functionality, rationality and formal clarity associated with Nordic design.

Biography
Jordi Vilanova i Bosch (1925–1998) was a Catalan cabinetmaker, furniture and interior designer known for combining Scandinavian modernism with Mediterranean craftsmanship. After training in Barcelona, he established his own practice in 1952, designing furniture, lighting and interiors for residential and public spaces. His work emphasized functional simplicity, natural materials and small-scale production, with a particular interest in children's furniture. In 1964, he received the Silver Delta Award from ADI-FAD for his Delta children's stool. He also founded the multidisciplinary group La Cantonada in 1960, bringing together artists, designers and craftspeople to explore the relationship between art, craftsmanship and everyday life. His work helped shape the development of modern Catalan design.

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