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**Cost-No-Object Interconnect and Loudspeaker Cable of the Year**

**Crystal Cable Absolute Dream**

**\$13,100/1m pr., interconnect; \$28,100/2m pr., speaker cable**

Crystal Cable's Gabi van der Kley-Rijnveld and her husband Edwin (of Siltech fame) make a winning couple in life and in business. With Gabi's sense of design and unusually well-trained musical ear (she was a renowned concert pianist for most of her youth and early adulthood) and Edwin's long experience designing cables that measure as well as sound great, the two have concocted a cable and interconnect, called Absolute Dream, that (alongside Synergistic Research Galileo) come as close as JV has gotten to the ideal signal-bearing wires. Not only do Absolute Dream do all the good sonic things—extraordinary neutrality, transparency, resolution, timbre, dynamics (small-scale and large), soundstaging, and imaging—it does them in a package that is, for once, lightweight, highly flexible, beautifully and solidly made, and gorgeous to behold. Scarcely inexpensive but definitely a good deal compared to the wires it competes against and bests, Absolute Dream has joined previous POY winner Galileo as JV's reference—and 2012's High-End Interconnect and Cable of the Year. (JV, 229)

