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FABULOUS DRAGONESS - lot 743 ©ZuzannaLupa

# Strong Autumn Sale results continues: breeding stock section pushes its boundaries

Organised for the second consecutive year in this format, the **Autumn Sale** concluded with a day entirely dedicated to breeding stock, recording excellent results. A total of **184** mares, fillies and foals went through the ring with 152 sold, nearly **83%** (+10 points compared to 2020). The average price increased by 8% to **€24,026**, and the turnover jumped by 58% to **€3,676,000** compared to the previous edition.

### Sold for €300,000, FABULOUS DRAGONESS dominates the day

The sale was host to a breeding stock dispersal from the late Magalen Bryant, with 18 of the 19 lots offered from Haras du Lieu des Champs selling for a total of €871,000.

Two of these lots that represented her famous blue and red silks made the top prices of the day, led by the excellent **FABULOUS DRAGONESS (lot 743)**, that was knocked down for €300,000 to Thierry Délègue (Pegase Bloodstock). A winner of four Group AQ races including the Prix Jacques de Vienne (Gr.1 PA), the half-sister by Poliglote to the champion BLUE DRAGON was offered carrying her first foal by Doctor Dino. After signing the docket, the agent said,

*"She's a mare that has so many strings to her bow - she has an exceptional pedigree and was a very good performer herself, is still young, and in-foal to one of the best stallions. I think to start breeding, which is my client Mr. van Robais's case, it is hard to do better than this mare. Mr. van Robais is passionate about National Hunt racing and has had good success with his first purchases and now wishes to breed as well."*

The Grand Prix de Pau (Gr.3) winner **LATERANA (lot 703)** was also in demand, selling for €140,000. Rupert Pritchard-Gordon (RPG Bloodstock) had the final say for the half-sister to dual Group winner LATERANO, offered in foal for the first time to Great Pretender.

*"We've bought her to send to Success Days. His first foals sold well last week, with one of his fillies making the top price. We really like the mare, she's very good looking and was very well prepped by Richard Powell and his team. We're very happy to have got her!"*

### BLACK LUNA and MARLONNE join Haras de Maulepaire

Standing with Haras de Maulepaire's Pierric Rouxel, Sébastien Desmontils (Chauvigny



Global Equine) had the final say on two mares for a partnership between Écurie Tygaly and Écurie Drost. The first, **BLACK LUNA (lot 834)**, was sold for €125,000. A winner of the Prix François de Poncins (L.), the half-sister to Prix Hopper (Gr.3) scorer JAZZ IN MONTREUX was offered in foal to Masked Marvel by Haras de Montgermont.

*"We really loved this mare," said Pierric Rouxel. "We went a bit over our budget but she's worth it. We're very happy. It's a family that I like a lot and have a lot of memories, notably with the Moussac and Puerari families when they bred at Maulpaire. The mare returns to her origins. It's wonderful!"*

#### **Sister to WHISPER and CHUCHOTEUSE makes €120,000**

The popular **FEMME EN OR (lot 837)**, a sister to dual Grade 1 winner and the very talented CHUCHOTEUSE was subject to a lot of interest around the ring before being knocked down for €120,000 to Bertrand Le Metayer (BLM Bloodstock). The agent was bidding on behalf of Yeo Barton Bloodstock.

#### **Nine foals make €40,000 or more**

The foal section registered very satisfactory results, with **75%** of the 68 colts and fillies sold that went through the ring for an average of **€21,588** and turnover of **€1,101,000**.

Already very popular yesterday, Doctor Dino continued to be in demand, with one of his sons making the top price of the session. Sold for €83,000, the grandson of the excellent N'AVOUE JAMAIS (**lot 748**) hails from the family of the very talented NO RISK AT ALL, PARADISO and MESSAGERE. Consigned by Domaine de l'Étang, he was bred by Rémi Coudret.

#### **Overall statistics for the Autumn Sale**

Over the three days of sales, mostly devoted to the National Hunt, **551** horses went through the ring with a clearance rate of **81%** for a total turnover of **€12,870,500**.

Following the sale, Eric Hoyeau, President of ARQANA and Freddy Powell, Executive Director commented, *"The aim of this week, which we put in place last year, was to encourage reinvestment by creating a sequence of specific sales: horses in training including jumpers, stores and yearlings, ending with a day entirely dedicated to breeding stock. After these three days, we can only be positive. The results exceeded our expectations and we would like to thank all our consignors who have put their trust in this new format. The market was very strong and the majority of the National Hunt professionals were present from start to finish from France, Ireland, England and Eastern Europe."*

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