
INTERNATIONAL TRADE ROLLS ON IN DEAUVILLE

The third session of ARQANA's breeding stock sale witnessed some intense bidding from a highly international buying bench, including breeders from Chile, Tunisia, Libya, Morocco, Kazakhstan, Qatar, Denmark, Belgium, Turkey, Russia, India, Spain, Ireland, Great Britain and of course France. Two agents who proved particularly busy throughout the day were Marc-Antoine Berghgracht of MAB Agency and Paul Nataf, who bought 28 and 15 lots respectively.

At the end of the day, figures were very much on a par with last year with a €1.2 million aggregate, an average price of almost 8,000€ and a clearance rate of 68,4%, still a commendable performance at this level of the market.

Overall, the turnover after three days of selling only falls €200,000 short of last year's total, with an almost identical clearance rate.

Top billing on Monday went to LAND STAR (lot 594), a winning three-year-old daughter of Peintre Celebre out of Landlocked, hence a half-sister to Listed scorer LAW OF CHANCE and closely related to this year's exciting Gr.3 Prix de Condé winner LOI. Offered from the yard of Chantilly-based Jean-Marie Béguigné, she was bought for €55,000 by Paul Nataf. The French agent is very well acquainted with the family for he bought both LOI and LAND STAR as yearlings on behalf of Italian owner Enrico Ciampi, as well as Gr.3 victrix CELIMENE, who appears further down the page, for Gérard Laboureau.

Anthony Stroud paid €50,000 for HAIL HOLY QUEEN (lot 560), a dual winner trained by John Hammond. This daughter of Highest Honor out of Galileo mare hails from the family of Group winning juvenile ROI GIRONDE and champion miler GRAVELINES.

Later in the evening, Crispin de Moubray went to €40,000 to secure PERRUCHE GRISE (lot 708), a six-year-old mare from the draft of Edouard de Rothschild's Haras de Meautry. The daughter of Mark of Esteem out of the Stakes-placed Tadorne is a half-sister to dual Group winner PINSON, from the family of VERBA and NATIVE KHAN. She was carrying to Haras de la Hêtraie's first-season sire SILVER FROST.

The sale continues tomorrow from 2:00pm
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