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lot 708 ©Arqana

AUTUMN SALE: MARKET FOR YOUNG NATIONAL HUNT HORSES CONTRACTS

After strong growth in 2019, the National Hunt yearling market returned to levels similar of 2018 on the last day of the Autumn Sale. The clearance rate for this section held up better than the store market, with 121 of the 177 lots offered changing hands, a percentage of 68 (-10 pts), for an average of €21,326 (-19%). The total turnover reached €2,584,500, down 22%.

The total turnover of the two days reserved for stores and yearlings shows a contraction of around 30% in the market for young National Hunt prospects between 2019 and 2020, with the volume of bids falling from almost 7 million euros to 5 million euros. The cumulative average price decreased by 15%, from €26,072 to €21,326.

Eric Hoyeau and Freddy Powell commented, *“The percentage of horses sold was a little more resilient in the yearling session than in the store section. Nevertheless, we can’t ignore the contraction in demand for young National Hunt prospects, partly due to the health crisis currently affecting the world. New faces, notably Irish, have appeared among buyers, but this has not made up for the absence of major players in the market.”*

Martaline and Doctor Dino in vogue

Yearlings by Martaline and Doctor Dino were popular with buyers throughout the session. The late Haras de Montaigu sire was represented by five lots that sold for an average of €59,000, while the star Haras du Mesnil stallion Doctor Dino’s 11 representatives made an average of €40,045.

Two sons of Doctor Dino for Joffret Huet

Subject to a lot of interest around the ring, a son of Doctor Dino (**lot 708**) from Haras de la Haie Neuve was the top price of the day when knocked down for €97,000 to Joffret Huet (JH Bloodstock). The colt is a half-brother to this season’s Scottish Triumph Hurdle (L.) winner THYME WHITE.

“He was the standout of the day for me,” commented the agent. “I’ve bought him for Andy Stewart. We saw him at the stud a few weeks ago and we really loved him. He’ll go to England to be trained by Paul Nicholls.”

At the end of the day, the agent also made his presence felt when signing for a second son of the Haras du Mesnil sire (**lot 799**), this time from Haras de Maulepaire. The half-brother to the talented AL DANCER and TZAR’S DANCER made €72,000.

Son of Martaline for Ecurie Hub de Montmirail

A popular son of the late Martaline from Haras de Montaigu was snapped up by Bertrand Le Metayer (BLM Bloodstock) for €87,000. The colt is from the close family of Prix Roger Saint (L.) winner AMARETTE.

The agent said, *«Our passion for Martaline, that left us too soon, has spoken with this colt. He’ll go to Arnaud Chaille-Chaille and carry the colours of Ecurie Hub de Montmirail. Let’s cross our fingers that he’ll be the next Nirvana du Berlais!»*

Later in the day, the agent also went to €65,000 for a son of Doctor Dino (**lot 783**) from The Channel Consignment. He hails from the close family of dual Group 1 winning chaser TURGOT.

Two well-bred yearlings for Genetique Obstacle

Paul Basquin (Saubouas Bloodstock) also made his presence felt during the session. He went to €80,000 for a son of Martaline (**lot 743**) from Haras de l'Hôtellerie. He commented after signing the docket for the relative of the talented MOCALACATO HAS, MOMITA HAS and MOISES HAS.

"He's a lovely colt from a very active family. He walks well and is everything that we are looking for in terms of physique for a National Hunt prospect. His dam is by Coastal Path, which could be very interesting. He'll come back to Haras du Saubouas firstly and then will run in the colours of Genetique Obstacle."

A little earlier in the day, he also had the final say for a son of Doctor Dino out of black-type BECQUASCENTE (**lot 645**) for €73,000. Offered from Domaine de l'Etang, the colt is from the close family of GRANDE HAYA, the Grand Prix d'Automne (Gr.1) winner.

"He's a very nice colt by Doctor Dino, that walks very well," commented Paul Basquin. "His dam was placed on the flat and was very good over jumps. She is by Nombre Premier, a very good broodmare sire in my opinion. He is also for Genetique Obstacle and will follow the same programme as the Martaline."

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