

PRESS RELEASE

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PRUNAY (lot 242) ©Zuzanna Lupa

€240,000 BUY PRUNAY DOMINATES SUMMER SALE

The Summer Sale took place on just one day this year, during which 198 lots went under the hammer. Difficult to compare with 2019 when the auction took place over two days with 380 horses going through the ring, including stores, this particular renewal ended with a turnover of €2,900,000. A total of 77% of horses offered were sold for an average of €19,030.

PRUNAY knocked down for €240,000

Eagerly awaited in the ring, the Sylvain Dehez trained **PRUNAY (lot 142)** was subject to a lot attention, with Toby Jones coming out the winner at €240,000. Offered by Jean-Marie Callier as a Wild Card, the Prince Gibraltar gelding most recently finished third in the Prix Aguado (Gr.3) on his second outing over jumps.

"I've bought him for one of my long-standing clients. He'll go to Ireland," said the agent. "He really stood out - he's a good-looking individual and is still a maiden that could go over fences. He really ticks all the boxes."

Two lots earlier, the agent also signed for another Wild Card, **GIN COCO (lot 140)**, a four-year-old AQPS gelding by Cokoriko from Augustin Adeline de Boisbrunet. Runner-up on his debut, he will continue his career in Great Britain.

Wertheimer & Frère leading vendors

With a total turnover of €422,000, Wertheimer & Frère ended the sale as leading vendors with 11 lots sold, headlined by **NIGHT AND DAY (lot 212)**. The daughter of Sea The Moon, a half-sister to multiple Grade 1 winning jumper SUPASUNDAE, went for

€90,000 to Highflyer Bloodstock and will now join Willie Mullins. Earlier, **HUMBLE (lot 74)**, a half-sister by Cacique to Prix Vanteaux (Gr.3) winner PLATANE made €80,000 to Arthur Hoyeau.

First ever lot consigned by Ecurie LV is top priced juvenile



lot 13 ©Zuzanna Lupa

Young stallion Mehmas has made a strong impression with his progeny both at the races and in the sales ring. Following on from the unbeaten METHOD's win in the Rose Bowl Stakes (L.) at the weekend, this two-year-old colt was offered by Ecurie LV before being knocked down for €100,000. From the rich black-type winning family of VALE OF YORK and BATSHOOF, it was Nicky Bertran de Balanda that had the final say. He commented: *"He's a lovely colt. His sire was a good juvenile and his offspring seem to be following in his footsteps, with another good winner this weekend. He'll go into training with Francis-Henri Graffard."*

The juvenile (**lot 13**) is the first ever horse consigned by Laura Vanska (Ecurie LV), having bought him for €25,000 at the August Yearling Sale a year earlier.

A Darley Flying Start graduate and previously assistant to Nicolas Clement, Laura started out on her own less than two years ago near Chantilly and specialises in breaking and pre-training.

“He arrived with us in November and has been working with the rest of our string,” explained Laura Vanska. “He’s a colt that has not stopped improving! We were meant to offer him at the Breeze-Up in May, but for logistical reasons, we waited for this sale. I was confident in his breeze, and thought he wouldn’t disappoint us. I’m really happy for all my team.”

At the end of the sale, Eric Hoyeau said, *“This was a good return to action here. This particular renewal is incomparable to the previous ones, considering the difference in volume and density, but the sale has kept its role. The percentage of horses sold remained solid throughout the day and that’s the main thing. It also allowed us to reopen the establishment and to test the advances that we have implemented on ARQANA Online. We would like to thank all the buyers and vendors who played the game and trusted us. We will now focus all our efforts on the next part of the calendar, especially the Select Sale.”*

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