



[BREEDER PORTRAIT]

William

Gevresse

Born in the equestrian world, William Gevresse has cultivated his passion by perpetuating the family breeding operation started 40 years ago. In the Yvelines and in Mayenne, he selects and breeds with rigor and benevolence his "top of the range" sport horses on a total of 35 hectares. He kindly opens his doors to us today at his site in Alluets-le-Roi, and willingly and humbly shares his story with us.

Since he was very young, William has been riding horses in his parents' riding school. A few years later, after a monitorat and a passage in Saumur, he's ready to teach, in his turn, his knowledge to the greatest number. At the same time, he develops the young horses "homemade" until the CSI*. Breeding began thanks to his father who, not having much money, gave a second life to racehorses - Trotters or Anglo. His first horse, a reformed Anglo-Arabian steeplechase horse, bought for a pittance because of "fire spikes" and named "Lechinook", wasn't a simple horse, quite the contrary. But, thanks to him, William learned everything. His jumping ability, equivalent to John Whitaker's famous mount, Milton, made him highly prized.

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Afterwards, William wished to have horses of a higher level. He then went in search of his first exceptional broodmare.

He travelled hundreds of miles to meet numerous renowned breeders. William had a flair for it and found Quismy des Vaux, who was 3 years old at this time. He felt her potential but didn't acquire her, because he was looking for an even better line! Too bad, this quality mare will shine under the saddle of the famous rider Kevin Staut.



His desire is clear, he wants a daughter of a great international performer, Nabab de rêve. He found her near Belgium, at the Haras de La Linière with the veterinarian Jeroen Lissens: Tiamo de Lalinière, a Selle-Français who will prove to be very prolific later on. But he will not return to France with one, but two broodmares! Indeed, a chance meeting at Rexpoëde with Joris de Brabender offered him an incredible opportunity with Galance de Muze, a year and a half old BWP by Querlybet Hero and one of the best jumping mares in the world, Fragance de Chalus. Nobody suspected it yet, because William is also a forward thinker, but this beautiful Galance turns out to be the sister of Mylord Carthago, Norton d'Eole, Mélodie d'Eole or Nais de la pomme, one of the best 7 year olds of her generation. "Fate and encounters made me lucky enough to buy this line, unknown at the time. I didn't know Joris and I trusted him", explains the breeder. Later on, the opportunity will arise and he'll also buy a daughter of Voltaire, Pearl du Banco, classified as an elite show jumper. The Meulières farm, as a reminder at the place called "Les Meulières de la cave", started its brand new adventure.

Among his offspring are Dastann des Meulières (9 years old) and Farfelu des Meulières (7 years old, recently promoted by the talented Alexandra Francart), both currently competing in CSI*.

William offers his horses for sale via his internal network, Facebook or at the Fences auction. He shares with us his satisfaction at having sold 4 foals at the "Elite" sales in the space of 3 years.

William likes to challenge himself and enrich his equestrian culture. His dream, like any sport horse breeder, is to be able to see "his horse" on a big event on television.

Rest assured, with 25 breeding horses, "Les Meulières" also produces beautiful horses and ponies for amateurs and clubs, enough to satisfy everyone's happiness! And if horses are not your "dada", you should know that William is also fond of team sports such as rugby, cars and travel...◆

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