

Albidayer Stud



A PICTURE OF ENCHANTMENT - A VISION MI
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A very special filly will be making her debut at this month's Paris World Championships – the captivating filly, A Vision MI. Bred in Australia, where she has already won a host of titles, she will be undoubtedly aiming for glory at this most prestigious show. Bred by Mulawa Arabian Stud, she is proudly owned by Albidayer Stud, and A Vision MI has big footsteps to fill – something that she will undoubtedly do with ease.



It was a year ago this month that Albidayer Stud, located in Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates and owned by Sheikh Mohammed Bin Saud Al Qasimi, took the Gold Junior Female Championship with their ethereal homebred beauty, Mozn Albidayer. Sired by SMA Magic One (Psyttadel x Majidah bint Pacha) and out of Mattaharii (Magnum Chall HVP x Belindaa), Mozn Albidayer had won an incredible number of fans around the world in the lead up to this magical moment. And the same thing is set to happen again.

A Vision MI, foaled August 2016, has already won the hearts of those in Australia lucky enough to have seen her show. Bred by Greg, Julie and Jane Farrell of the famed Mulawa Arabian Stud, this filly made her way to Europe close to her second birthday. Within days of her arrival at Schoukens Training Center in Belgium, Sheikh Mohammed had fallen in love with this filly, and she joined his incredible collection of homebred and specially purchased Arabian horses.

This irresistible chestnut filly – the perfect contrast to the snow white Mozn – is a true breeder's horse. She represents an incredible 12 generations of the Mulawa breeding programme – no small feat in this modern world. The maternal lines on both sire and dam side go back four and seven generations respectively. A Vision MI's sire is their super homebred stallion Allegiance MI, a horse who is fast turning into a true global sire of note as well as being East Coast Champion before an untimely injury halted his show career. Allegiance MI is by Magnum Forty Four (Magnum Psyche x WH Nashahna by Bey Shah), a stallion imported to Australia by the Farrells and whose influence on their breeding programme was great, and out of Audacia, a mare sired by Parkview Audacious (TS al Malik x Aliha bint Nizr by Anaza el Nizr) and out of Mulawa Aria, by Arrival (ex Euni by Bandos out of Eunice), a son in turn of one of the first chief sires at Mulawa, Ambition (Bask x Bint Ambara by Comet). Mulawa Aria's dam in turn was an extraordinary mare, the queen of Mulawa, Karmaa (Kaborr x AN Marieta by AN Malik), again purchased from the US for the Mulawa programme.



A Vision MI is out of the incredible bay mare, Always Valentine MI. Bred by the Farrells in Australia, Always Valentine MI was sent to the United States as a yearling to compete as part of the farm's international show programme. There, she was named Scottsdale Junior Reserve Champion Filly as well as US Reserve National Champion and Arabian Breeders' Alliance World Cup Reserve Champion Two-year-old Filly. Upon returning to Australia, Always Valentine MI accomplished the triple, winning the Senior Female title at the National Stud Show, the East Coast Championships, and the Australian National Championships – the last unanimously. She is by the late, great stallion DA Valentino, unbeaten in the show-ring with titles including a double Scottsdale Championship, a five-time US National Champion, and Canadian National Champion. DA Valentino is a son of the enduring stallion Versace (Fame VF x Precious as Gold by El Shaklan), and out of DA Love (Padrons Psyche x Magnificaa FA).

Always Valentine MI is out of another Mulawa beauty, Always an Angel, making her a full sister to the much-garlanded Valentino's Angel MI who, owned by Al Mohamadia Stud in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, has won a host of titles around the world. Always an Angel is sired by SK Shakla Khan (Sanadik el Shaklan x Sun King Raindrop by Hilglor Rainmaker) and she is out of the mare Angel of Fame. Angel of Fame, in turn, is by Fame Maker R (Fame VF x Inschallah el Shaklan by El Shaklan), another lead sire at Mualwa, and out of Mulawa Angelica who, again, represents further lines of the Mulawa breeding programme being by Wanted KE (Warranty x Feature by Vision) and out of Mulawa Angelique (Vision x Abanda by Banderol).

In short, A Vision MI truly is the vision of a long-term breeding programme. Her pedigree contains every major sire that has stood at Mulawa over the past 50 years, as well as four of the stud's primary foundation mares. Not only has A Vision MI been bred by breeders, she has been sold to breeders and, with the great vision that Sheikh Mohammed has for his own programme, as well as access to some of the most influential stallions in the world including their own chief sire Marajj (Marwan al Shaqab x RGA Kouress by Kouvey Bey), there is little doubt that this filly will make a huge impression on Albidayer Stud.

Shown in Australia, A Vision MI was hugely successful at just a handful of shows. At the 2017 National Stud Show, this graceful filly was named the President's Choice Award Winner. From there, she went to this year's East Coast Championships, an event where both her sire and dam had shone, and she, too, left victorious having been named East Coast Champion Yearling Filly. Her following show, and the last in Australia, was the Australian National Championships; I remember receiving messages from friends, telling me of this incredible filly, and A Vision MI was unanimously named Gold Yearling Filly Champion, taking the highest score of the show in the process. From there, after a break, she came to Europe – and the rest is the start of her history.

As Paris approaches, Sheikh Mohammed and all at Albidayer Stud are excited for the new direction that this filly takes them in. Albidayer Stud Manager Dawn Martin tells me: "This filly is amazing, and she will complement Albidayer's show and breeding programme so well. She is elegant, balanced, refined, beautiful, correct and showy. She is a dream as well as a true vision, the ideal Arabian horse to join a barn already full of beautiful Arabian horses.

"Sheikh Mohammed and I are very excited to see what A Vision MI will contribute to Albidayer Stud, both in the show-ring and the breeding barn. Sheikh Mohammed has already bred some beautiful horses, including Mozn Albidayer, who won titles in America, Europe and the Middle East, Raoud Albidayer (SMA Magic One x DL Marielle by Marwan al Shaqab), Sinmar Albidayer (Shanghai EA x Salwa Albidayer by Marwan al Shaqab) and the newly-crowned unanimous US National Champion Two-year old Colt Lahab Albidayer (Vervaldee x FS Madeline by Magnum Psyche). However, in order to progress a programme, you need to bring in new bloodlines, and it is exciting to do so. A Vision MI very much fits in with our own vision of the ideal Arabian horse. I am excited to watch her show."

And so, A Vision MI will make her debut for Albidayer Stud under the brightest spotlights of all, at the Paris World Championships. Already garlanded in glory, there is little doubt that A Vision MI has all that it takes, and more, to take a title at this most prestigious event. She will be shown there by Glenn Schoukens, and there is little doubt that all eyes will be upon her – her beauty shines through, her elegance, her vitality.

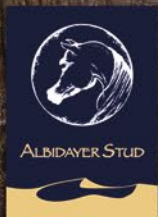
A Vision MI may be a new name here on European shores, but there is little doubt that hers is a story just waiting to unfold and it is one that will captivate the world. Bred by breeders, owned by breeders, this beautiful filly is more than ready to take centre stage. Make sure you are watching.



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Vision RATHER THAN A DREAM"
-William Morris-



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