



Shiraz de Lafon

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Elegant, dynamic, ethereal, and charismatic. These are just some words that can be used to describe Shiraz de Lafon. This regal stallion is considered one of the most astute breeding choices for global breeders. Owned by Jadem Arabians in Belgium, he has progeny the world over and he is making a serious mark as a sire of note. A champion himself, Shiraz de Lafon's progeny are now following in his winning ways, and he remains one to watch.

Jadem Arabians is world-renowned as being one of the leading breeding farms over the past forty plus years. Owned by Guy and Christine Jamar, the farm – located near Balen, just outside of Antwerp, is founded on pure Polish bloodlines and is the largest farm outside of Poland to breed this line. As well as being a breeder, Christine is also an international judge and she has travelled the world, assessing some of the greatest Arabian horses of past generations. With most of her mare lines being founded on the Polish lines, in particular daughters of Ekstern (Monogramm x Ernestyna), Christine has always looked for new stallions to bring to Jadem to complement her mares.

As well as her own outcross stallion, Emerald J (QR Marc x Emandoria) who is, of course, more than 50% Polish breeding, Christine knew that she needed that special stallion, that one total outcross to enhance the Jadem programme further.

Shiraz de Lafon would become this horse. Foaled in 2013, he was just a few months old when Christine first saw him. "From that very first moment, he showed confidence and pizzazz," recalls Christine. "He was running away from his dam, and he had just the right attitude that I look for in my horses. I knew then that I had found not only a future stallion to breed with, but also a horse that I wanted to buy and bring to Jadem." Shiraz de Lafon was the first colt purchased for Jadem in many years, and this truly underlines his quality and the potential that Christine saw in him.

Bred by Mas de Lafon in France, Shiraz de Lafon is sired by the universally renowned stallion Shanghai EA, a multiple champion who has earned titles at the All Nations' Cup, the European Championships, the Paris World Championships, the Dubai International



Arabian Horse Championships, and in Menton among many others. Shanghai EA is sired by the 'champion maker' WH Justice (Magnum Psyche x Vona Sher-Renea) who, of course, comes from one of the most coveted sire lines of modern breeding, going back to the great 1977 stallion Padron (Patron x Odessa) whose son Padrons Psyche (ex Kilika)



was a sire of note and who remains current today. Shanghai EA's is out of the Khidar daughter (Ansata Sinan x Elizja) Salymah EA (Libanon Azadika). Thus, Shanghai EA's dam brings in Egyptian bloodlines as well as Spanish through El Shaklan (Shaker El Masri x Estopa) to complement the predominant Russian lines found in the damline.



The influence of Khidar – who is a Reserve World Champion as well as champion at the All Nations' Cup and European Championships among his many titles – on Shiraz de Lafon is reinforced through his dam, Diacira de Lafon, who is a daughter of Khidar. Her dam in turn brings in the Russian lines that Christine loves so much as she is out of Devitsa (Ponomarev x Evitah), who is double Aswan (Nazeer x Yoseria), a stallion who was Egypt's gift to Russia, reinforcing Shiraz de Lafon's Egyptian heritage even further.

With such wonderful bloodlines, there is little wonder that Christine chose Shiraz de Lafon to be the perfect outcross for her deeply Polish broodmares. Before breeding, however, came showing, and as a young colt, Shiraz de Lafon was awarded a Top Five Championship title at the European Championships as well as Most Beautiful Head. He was also named as a Gold Champion at the 2014 West Coast Cup Gold Champion Colt and add the Bronze Champion Colt title to his name at the Ströhen Show. As a two-year-old, Shiraz de Lafon won Gold



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SHANGHAI EA

DIACIRA
DE LAFON

WH JUSTICE

Magnum Psyche

Padrons Psyche
A Fancy Miracle

Vona Sher-Renea

El Sher-mann
Renea

SALYMAH EA

Khidar

Ansata Sinan
Elizja

Libanon Azadika

Om El Azadik
Warandes Shaklana

KHIDAR

Ansata Sinan

Prince Fa Moniet
Ansata Nefara

Elizja

Esta-Ghalil
Aica

DEVITSA

Ponomarev

Salon
Palitra

Evitah

Plakat
Novostj



at the Emerald Trophy in Brecht and as a three-year old, he took the Silver Junior Male Championship at Al Khalediah European Arabian Horse Festival, Poland. As a stallion, Shiraz de Lafon has continued to shine and took the Gold Senior Male Championship at the Arabian Horse Weekend in 2019.

Christine, however, purchased Shiraz de Lafon to be a breeding sire and it is here that he has made his mark. In 2016 his first foals were born, including the exotic filly Rania JK, out of the Borsolino K (Encore Ali x Keepsake V) daughter, Rayyana K (ex MFA Exoticaa), bred by Christine with Murilo Kammer of Haras Aratinga in Brazil. Also among Shiraz de Lafon's early foals was Galliano J (ex Glamour Girl J), Bronze Champion Foal at the Emerald Trophy and Gold Junior Male Champion at the European C Show at Ströhen. Galliano J was also Gold Champion and Best in Show at the both the 2018 and 2019 AJF Challenge Show.

Also from Christine's breeding is the 2018 grey beauty Montana J (ex Melody J), who won her class at the AHO European Championship as a yearling and took the Gold Yearling Filly title. That same year, Messouda J (ex Miami J), won her yearling filly class at the 2019 Arabian Horse Weekend and took the Bronze Yearling Filly title. Also foaled in 2018 was Pegaze J (ex Paris J), Champion Colt in the Coupe de France 2019 and now owned by José Musetti.

Outside of Christine's own programme, one of Shiraz de Lafon's most successful progeny has been AV Purple Rain (ex AV Dancing Rain), a 2017 filly bred in the UK by AV Arabians and sold to Bin Hamila Arabian Horse Stud in the United Arab Emirates. As a yearling, AV Purple Rain took Bronze at the European Championships and this year, as a three-year old, she won her class and took the Gold Junior Female Championship at the Ajman Arabian Horse Show. Then there is Ganador AH, out of Golden Sunset J

(QR Marc x Gomera J), foaled in 2017 and named Silver Champion Colt in Israel as a two-year old.

"Shiraz de Lafon has been recognised by international breeders around the world," says Christine. "He has a very nice colt in Brazil – Talal Serondella, out of Ella Dorada (Enzo x El Dorada) – who was bred and owned by Lenita Perroy and is now owned by Haras Aratinga and Haras Serondella. Lenita bought a few breedings for Shiraz, and it was a big privilege for our stallion to be used in the Haras Mei Luia breeding programme. Murilo has also used him a lot and has an extremely beautiful filly, Aaliyah, out of Annika (Magnum Chall HVP x Ardant Carol). Jaime Pinheiro of Haras Villa dos Pinheiros, also in Brazil, has a lovely filly.

"This year, the Michałow State Stud is using Shiraz de Lafon. Al Thumama Stud have already successfully used Shiraz and are using him again. And he has had his first foals born in New Zealand at Gerzanne Stud and also with Sergio Gobbi. He has also had his first foal born in the United States, at Quintessa Arabians, and a range of leading breeders across Europe have had some amazing foals by Shiraz de Lafon. It is wonderful to see him being used the world over on some amazing mares."

At just seven years of age, Shiraz de Lafon has more than rewarded Christine's belief in him. "From the arrival of his very first foals, I knew that my confidence in the then foal Shiraz de Lafon was well placed," says Christine. "His pedigree is superb, and he has that certain something that stands him apart from the crowd."

Shiraz de Lafon – with his exotic face, smooth body and elegant paces – truly is a sire of note. He remains a stallion for all breeders, and he is a stallion for the future. With foals found as far away as New Zealand, this classy stallion is more than rewarding breeders' faith in him. Shiraz de Lafon – the one who continues to shine. □

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OFFSPRINGS



RANIA JK
(SHIRAZ DE LAFON X RAYYANA K)
2016 BAY MARE

OWNER: NESMA STUD (KSA)

DIANDRA K
(SHIRAZ DE LAFON X DORALINA K)

OWNER: MURILLO KAMMER (BR)





GANADOR AH

(SHIRAZ DE LAFON X GOLDEN SUNSET J)

2017 COLT

- 2017 COLT FOAL RESERVE CHAMPION AT THE ISRAELI SPRING SHOW AND MOST CLASSIC HEAD TROPHY.
- 2018 GOLD CHAMPION YEARLING COLT AT JERICHO SHOW AND MOST CLASSIC HEAD TROPHY.
- 2019 RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR COLT AT JERICHO SHOW AND MOST CLASSIC HEAD TROPHY.

OWNER: ALI DIAB - ALAMER STUD ISRAEL (IL)



(SHIRAZ DE LAFON X GIOIAH CHANDRA)

COLT

OWNER: CHANDRA ARABIANS (IT)



PAPAGENO K

NATIONAL GOLD CHAMPION COLT
FROM SWEDEN

OWNER: TARENAS ARABIAN STUD
CATHRIN & ANDREAS NEHM (SE)



GALLIANO J
(SHIRAZ DE LAFON X GLAMOUR GIRL J)
2017 CHESTNUT COLT

OWNER: ZHOU YONGMING (CN)



PRADA J
(SHIRAZ DE LAFON X PARIS J)
2017 BAY FILLY

OWNER: MOHAMMED
HASSAN M ABDULFATTAH (KSA)



ASAYEL DREAM J
(SHIRAZ DE LAFON X MAGNIFICENT LADY J) 2018 CHESTNUT FILLY

OWNER: ASAYEL STUD (KW)



FORMOSA J
(SHIRAZ DE LAFON X FLIRTATION J)
2018 CHESTNUT FILLY



MESSOUDA J
(SHIRAZ DE LAFON X MIAMI J)
2018 GREY FILLY



KARIMA J
(SHIRAZ DE LAFON X MARRAKECH J)
2018 GREY FILLY





MONTANA J
(SHIRAZ DE LAFON X MELODY J)
2018 GREY FILLY



PÉGAZE J
COUPE DE FRANCE 2019
OWNER: JOSÉ MUSETTI (FR)



AV PURPLE RAIN
(SHIRAZ DE LAFON X AV DANCING RAINA)
2017 GREY FILLY

OWNER: BIN HAMILAH STUD (UAE)



FILIA J
(SHIRAZ DE LAFON X FLIRTATION J)
2019 GREY FILLY



MALIK J
(SHIRAZ DE LAFON X MIAMI J)
2020 CHESTNUT COLT



MAYSA J
(SHIRAZ DE LAFON X MIAMI J)
2020 GREY FILLY

