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Equus Arabians
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Alberto Sorroca is one of the major breeder of Arabian horses in Europe. So no doubt that the fifth edition of his annual festival with its silent auction would attract buyers from all over the world. Indeed those who couldn't come to Spain could bid via internet and did.

So on July 10 and 11, Equus Arabians opened its gates to eager visitors, eager to see beautiful horses, of high quality which is a

trademark of the breeding farm. It all started with the opening of the stables which enabled the guests to admire the horses and look at some of the photographs by Cecile Marleix which were part of an exhibition of the work of the French photographer.

Outside, among lavender bushes, surrounded by small trees, a presentation arena awaited the horses which were then examined. Emotion was at its highest when Shanghai EA appeared. The young stallion, who was awarded Best Head and "Trophée Espoir" to the most



promising young horse in the 2009 World Championship and became Reserve European Champion Colt in Verona last year, was introduced to his dam, Salymah E.A, for the first time. The mare by Khidar out of Libanon Azadika was in foal by Marwan Al Shaqab and offered to auction.

As night was falling down candles were lighted diffusing myriads of colours on the tables where the guests were enjoying dinner and tasting Spanish wines while looking at a flamenco show.

On Sunday morning, the stables were opened again to visitors. Then the horses offered to auction were shown in liberty. Once more Shanghai EA was presented as well as Milano, a stallion from Spanish origin on lease for two years. Then the sale began. It's a silent auction. Every buyer has a number and so have the horses. The most important bidding is shown every half hour which enables the bidders to think and bid again during this lapse of time. Bidding went on also via the internet. To give time to the buyers to make up their minds, a show of natural horsemanship was presented to the spectators.



The pedigrees of the twenty three horses put to sale were all excellent. Fillies and colts sired by champions like Marwan Al Shaqab, WH Justice, Padrons Psyche, Khidar or Enzo to name but a few. The mares were in foal by Marwan Al Shaqab, Khidar and Shanghai EA. The stallions were by Pilot, Magnum Psyche and Khidar. You could find in those horses the best of Russian Arabian breeding, pure Spanish and Polish breeding. Alberto Sorroca breeds horses in a perspective of true quality because that's what he values. It showed undoubtedly during these two days of sales.

Every year the breeding at Equus Arabians seems to improve. It is based on selection in order to have horses who could compete at the highest international level. This V annual festival proved to be an elite sale. Most of the horses found a new owner. It was a good day for Alberto Sorroca and even more... As the night was falling down on the Spanish countryside, the aficionados gathered around a tv set to watch Spain beat the Netherlands in the finals of the Soccer World Championship. Albero Sorroca was indeed a happy man !





