

Suffan GK

2015 bay stallion by WW Stivallea out of Al Magna)





Le Soleil Arabians

Following our dreams

Just as the ancients followed the stars to guide them to new worlds,
follow your dreams, they will guide you to your future.

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Every Arabian horse breeder must begin somewhere. For many of us, our life as breeders begins the moment we experience that thunderbolt of wonder when we meet our first Arabian horse. For me, it was a vision that came to life in a distant field that caught my eye. The bold powerful movement, the gracefully arched neck, the flamboyant flagged tail of the horse as it ran to meet me, thrilled me and completely captured my heart. Yes, it was a small beginning, but it shaped my life and now my family too.

For some people, just owning a horse is enough, but for others, like me, we live to create the horse of our dreams. As a breeder, I want to recreate that first feeling of excitement, joy, love - over and over again, and for me, every foal born at Le Soleil brings my dream to life.

Over the past 15 years or more, I have studied stallions with different pedigrees and bloodlines and tried to imagine which would cross best with my mares and produce the best foals. Years ago, I saw the Gazal Al Shaqab son, Stival, out of Paloma De Jamaal. I loved his exotic type, amazing arched neck, wonderful body, and breathtaking movement. I bred a mare to him and got a very nice filly, but eventually sold her. Over the years, I regretted that decision.

Recently, a very special stallion really grabbed my attention because of his extreme type, bold, powerful movement, body, topline, amazing natural tail carriage, and special attitude - he is Sultan GK, a grandson of Stival. From the first time I saw Sultan, I felt a great excitement because he embodies all the qualities and characteristics I want for my foals. I thought if he could reproduce his qualities with my mares, they could create an amazing foal! In many ways I think Sultan resembles Stival, but with more charisma and stronger movement. When I looked at Sultan's pedigree, I believed in him even more because it includes many of my favorite sires and dams. He is a paternal great grandson of Gazal Al Shaqab and out of a mare with strong Egyptian and Spanish bloodlines. In my opinion, Sultan GK brings many of the qualities we are losing in a lot of breeding programs today.

Tuberosa Le Soleil

2021 bay filly by Sultan GK out of Passiflora Le Soleil



From the very beginning of my breeding program, I relied on Egyptian bloodlines to contribute their beauty and refinement. I also learned to appreciate and cherish Spanish bloodlines for their qualities of big, black eyes, strong bodies and topline, and their powerful movement.



In 2020, we took a chance and bred Sultan GK to our beautiful mare Passiflora Le Soleil (ZT Magnofantasy x Laheeba Le Soleil) who also has strong Russian, Egyptian, and Spanish lines. This year Passiflora gave us her first-born foal, an exquisite filly who showed us she was something extremely special from her first days. We named her Tuberosa Le Soleil.

Not only is Tuberosa very beautiful, but her attitude and character are almost impossible to describe. Her hallmark characteristics are her movement, tail carriage, attitude, and overall quality. Even though a foal is born beautiful, many lose their charm as they mature. Every day, we watch Tuberosa grow, and she only improves. She has totally captured our hearts!



This year, when it was time to choose a stallion for our mares, the choice was easy - Sultan GK! The first mare we bred to him was Passiflora - again! We hope they will produce another special filly like Tuberosa. We also bred two more mares to Sultan GK for 2022 foals including the full sisters Nizwa Le Soleil and Persia Le Soleil. Like Passiflora, Nizwa and Persia are also daughters of ZT Magnofantasy, a stallion who has been quite influential in our program. He has Russian lines through the stallions Padrons Psyche, as well as our foundation mare Star Of The Hills. Magnofantasy also carries important Spanish bloodlines through El Shaklan and his iconic dam, Estopa - Magnofantasy has no less than three crosses to her - which no doubt contributes tremendously to his ability as a sire.



Le Soleil

Persia Le Soleil

2017 grey mare by ZT Magnofantasy out of Halimashah Le Soleil



Nizwa Le Soleil

2015 grey mare by ZT Magnofantasy out of Halimashah Le Soleil



The sisters, Nizwa Le Soleil and Persia Le Soleil, are out of Halimashah Le Soleil, who is by the straight Egyptian stallion Laheeb Al Nasser and out of Alfabia Gaucita, by the straight Egyptian stallion Pharros. So Nizwa and Persia both carry some of the most influential Egyptian breeding lines available. These mares are important representatives of our program at Le Soleil because their tail female line is an unbroken link to our foundation mare Star Of The Hills who goes back to the Maxwell breeding program, and so many horses we love including their stallion Crusader.

As we have grown and matured as breeders, we have learned to trust our vision – thanks to our beloved mentors – and breed for what we love, not following trends, fads, or the marketplace, but following our dreams. We know that beautiful, high quality, bold, charismatic, classic Arabian horses are always appreciated. That is our focus – to follow our dreams.



We believe these three mares, Passiflora Le Soleil, Nizwa Le Soleil, and Persia Le Soleil, each with their own unique beauty, and Sultan GK will complement and enhance each other. Most important, we have faith they will produce amazing foals for our program, and for our future.



Passiflora Le Soleil

2017 chestnut mare by ZT Magnofantasy out of Laheeba Le Soleil