



## ARQANA TROT

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### 2017 SELECT YEARLING SALE - Day 1

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#### **A dynamic first day with a new yearling trotter record at €300,000**

The first day of ARQANA-TROT's Yearling Sale followed on from last year's trend that showed a continued recovery of the market, which proved to be very strong. This was underlined by a new French public auction record for a yearling trotter when **GUILHEM D'ECAJEUL** made €300,000. An outstanding son of READY CASH et BELLE PIERJI (SAM BOURBON), the colt was subject to interest from a number of different parties in the ring, before eventually going the way of a consortium of French investors after a protracted bidding war with the under bidders in the restaurant.

Overall, this first section for established sires recorded a turnover of €3,222 million, up three per cent from 2016, with the average also up 11 per cent at €40,000, returning to the same levels as in 2012-13. Another significant indicator of the buoyancy of the market was the median, that reached €30,000 after €25,000 last year. The 70 per cent clearance rate also showed itself to be very satisfactory, following the general movement of increases all around.

#### **READY CASH the star**

It is without any real surprise that the sire **READY CASH** was once again the star of the sale, taking an important role in the auction. In total, 12 of his 14 yearlings offered were sold for an average of €107,000 and an overall figure of €1,294 million. Aside from the top price, **GUILHEM D'ECAJEUL**, that hails from the same maternal line as the young champion ECU PIERJI, another of his sons, the first lot through the ring, **GIFT DE VANDEL**, and his filly out of a daughter of **GUNILLA ATOUT** (a sister to ERIDAN) by LOVE YOU both made €150,000 for Jean-Pierre DUBOIS and SCEA des BISSONS respectively. A grandson of MISS CASTELLE, **GRAAL DE CASTELLE** made €145 000 to Gerard REGOURD, a longstanding owner that will send the colt to be trained by Nicolas MARTINEAU.

On the sire's list, **LOVE YOU** finished second with six yearlings sold for an average of €45 600 in front of **NIKY** (€31 500, six lots sold), **TIMOKO** and **JAG DE BELLOUET** followed, while the young **VILLAGE MYSTIC** underlined his increasing popularity with his four offspring making an average of €36 750.

#### **A strong demand from the Europe**

The leading buyer during the first session was trainer-driver **Bjorn GOOP**, who signed for three yearlings totalling €180,000. Two sons of READY CASH (**GOLDENBOY DE CHENU** and **GARANCE JAMES**) as well as a brother to the talented **UZA JOSSELYN** by **TIMOKO** all went his

way. Dutchmen **Richard WESTERINK**, **Paul HAGOORT** and Bas **CREBAS** also made their presence felt, buying eight lots. Of the French, **Jean-Luc BIGEON**, **Thierry DUVALDESTIN**, **Franck LEBLANC**, **Sebastien GUARATO** and **Mickael CORMY**, whom have already been very successful at the sale, were also very active.

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