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## GRAND PRIX D'AMERIQUE SALE

### GREENPEACE sold for €410 000 to LANGLAIS BLOODSTOCK

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At the end of two days of sales which was divided into three sections, the 2019 Prix d'Amerique Sale generated a turnover of €3,478,500, slightly down on 2018 (€3,615,000) with different results dependent on the section.

The "Elite" section, that closed the sale, posted very good figures that saw a turnover of €2,275,000 (up nine per cent) with four lots consigned by **Jean-Pierre DUBOIS** selling for more than €100,000. One of these was the Group 2 winning three-year-old filly and granddaughter of BAHAMA, **GREENPEACE** (MEMPHIS DU RIB). She was subject to a long bidding war between Jean-Pierre BARJON and **Victor LANGLAIS (LANGLAIS BLOODSTOCK)**, with the latter prevailing for €410,000.

Once more, the market proved to be very selective, as much in the breeding stock section as the horses-in-training section. A clearance rate of 53 per cent was recorded with the average price up at €24,000, in comparison to €21,300 in 2018. The median however fell to €10,000 from €12,000.

### Breeding stock market very selective. A share in FACE TIME BOURBON sold for €110 000 to Jean-Paul GAUVIN

This first session (Thursday 24) was reserved for breeding stock and stallion shares. The results for this section showed the continuing demand for well-bred mares; however, the final clearance rate was just over 50%.

Young mares proved to be popular, with the top-price in this section of €73,000 coming for **BLISS NEVELE**, a sister to semi-classic winner CYLEE NEVELE by READY CASH from the family of GOETMALS WOOD and EXTREME DREAM. She will join the broodmare band of **Philippe BARBE** (*les Atouts*) in the Orne Department.

Another well-bred lot, this time from the BERTRANDs, **DIMITRIA GRIFF** (COKTAIL JET), a younger sister to the mounted classic winner VIPSIE GRIFF and in-foal to BIRD PARKER was bought by Jean COTTIN (SCEA les Bissons) for €70,000. The well-known GOUTIER breeder also bought the well-bred **FOLIE AMOUREUSE** (a close relative to LOVE YOU) during the session for €190,000.

In 2018, a share in BOLD EAGLE fetched the highest price during the evening, and this time it was his brother's sire to come to the fore as a share in Sebastien Guarato's young champion **FACE TIME BOURBON** went for €110,000 to trainer Jean-Paul GAUVIN, who is also a passionate breeder.

**Friday, January 25**  
**Jean-Pierre DUBOIS's fillies light up the ring**

Every year eagerly awaited for and taking place in tandem with the Expo Etalons at VINCENNES Racetrack, the "Elite" session, that started at 7pm on Friday night, was subject to much excitement.

In addition to **GREENPEACE** making the top price, several other fillies from Jean-Pierre DUBOIS's consignment were in demand, such as **FAME AND FORTUNE** (SAM BOURBON and MA CROWN), bought for €320,000 by **Victor LANGLAIS (LANGLAIS BLOODSTOCK)** with Thomas BERNEREAU as underbidder, as well as **BLOODY MARY** (READY CASH), that will also join the young bloodstock agent from Nantes (€300,000).

The seven lots sold by DUBOIS produced a turnover of €1,366,000.

Further to the re-introduction at the sale of young yearlings a couple of years ago, which previously had produced the top filly GREEN GRASS (BOLD EAGLE), it was without surprise that her three-parts younger brother **IRISH WHISKY** (CHARLY DU NOYER) went for €71,000 to **Jean-Pierre BARJON**, who fought off Green Grass's buyer **Sebastien DEWULF**. The latter did however acquire a yearling from Haras des 3 Rivieres and Frederic BROUILLOUX, a son of DOLLAR MACKER for €19,000. In total, six of the nine yearlings offered were sold for an average of €25,500.

**Overall Results**

<b>Offered: 275</b>
<b>Sold: 145</b>
<b>Turnover: €3,478,300</b>
<b>Average: €29,988</b>

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