

Dynamik Stallions Trussardi and Golden Rock are in Australia

Golden Rock and Trussardi will land at Perth Airport on the 8th November and come home to join our imported stallions, Don Philino and Top Der Da. It has been such a long and exciting journey watching the development of our picture perfect stallion Golden Rock and now he is set to fly into Perth with his stable mate Trussardi.

In 2008 we purchased Golden Rock (HET Golden Dream/Bavarottie) from the Elite Pony Sales in Germany along with another colt foal named D'Artaganan (FS Don't Worry/Colano).

In 2010 D'Artaganan and Golden Rock went to the training barn of the professional pony trainer Danica Duen. Danica was the former owner of our very own imported stallion Don Philino and I have had many dealings with Danica since and I knew that these two young stallions would have the best possible chance of success with her. I knew that I could always trust her opinions on my stallions and she has had a string of success in not only preparing mares and stallions but also many outstanding results at Bundeschampionates and other young horse classes in Germany.

Danica prepared both of my young stallions for the licensing and both of them exceeded our expectations. Of course there is always a risk with buying young colts that they may not make it through the tough and involved licensing process in Germany.

D'Artaganan became the Reserve Champion Stallion of the Weser-Ems Licensing in 2010, he had excellent paces and a super talent for jumping. However before the licensing, we made a decision to sell him as he was not what I was looking for to bring home to Australia. We were very proud to have owned D'Artaganan and to have him successfully licensed and he was purchased by another top pony barn in Germany.

It had now become apparent that Golden Rock was indeed a dream purchase. He was the reserve champion of the Westfalen licensing in 2010 and also was awarded a premium title out of the 83 stallions that were selected and presented. He was awarded a score of 9 for his loose uphill trot and won the hearts of everyone with his natural charm. He was also presented at Hannover and became the second reserve champion and awarded a Premium title once again and he went to Weser-Ems to be approved and also gained a Premium title. This was like a dream for us owners and of course for his breeders.

In 2010, we were in search of another pony stallion for our team. I looked into many possibilities in Germany and did a lot more research, ironically for me the best stallion I could find that match my criteria was Trussardi (Timberland/Dschingis Khan) and he was owned by Danica. She was very reluctant to sell him at this stage but I managed to convince her and we made a deal that he would stay in Germany until the end of 2011. Trussardi was a Premium licensed stallion in 2009 at Westfalia and went on to become the 2010 Bronze medalist of the Bundeschampionate Dressage Pony Stallions with an exceptional temperament.

THE LEAD UP TO THE BUNDESCHAMPIONATE 2011

Trussardi had an successful start to 2011, he competed at the Federal Stallion Show in Berlin at an event where 50 of the best German Riding Pony Stallions were selected to compete, based on performance. He was awarded the title of reserve champion of the Federal Stallion Show of Berlin. He went on to continue his success with wins and second places in Young Horse dressage classes. Trussardi showed his reliable top class form in the competition at Westfalen Week and he was also the winner of his Westfalen Bundeschampionate qualifier scoring an impressive overall score of 8.58. Trussardi dominated the entire 4 year old field of ponies gaining himself a score of 8.55 and was the Westfalen Champion of 2011 for all four year old ponies.

Golden Rock competed in three young horse classes including classes against warmbloods and was the winner of all three competitions. At Westfalen Week in Muenster Handorf, Golden Rock performed like a true star. He was the winner of his qualifier on a score of 8.33 in the three year old stallion class. In Saturday's competition for Champion, Golden Rock shone again, he is now the Westfalen Champion for 2011 of all three year old ponies. This is a huge title to be gained for our young pony stallion, with a very impressive final score of 8.71.



THE BUNDESCHAMPIONATE 2011, WARENDORF, GERMANY

During the course of the year both of our stallions exceeded all of our expectations with their successes' under professional rider, Danica Duen. We travelled to Germany in August to watch our stallions in their final preparations for the Bundeschampionate. We were honoured that our stallions had qualified for this prestigious National event. This competition is for young warmbloods and young German Riding Ponies between the ages of 3 and 6 years old. At the one event held over four days there are classes for dressage, show Jumping and eventing for both ponies and horses. There is also Bundeschampionate carriage driving competition, however this is held on a different weekend. Potentially there are thousands of ponies and thousands of horses vying to qualify and be selected to compete at the Bundeschampionate, and it is a dream for many riders, breeders and owners to have a horse qualify and of course to potentially become a finalist and ultimately win a medal.

We arrived at Danica's stallion station to see our boys and we were more than impressed with how they were looking. Danica took our gentleman Trussardi into the arena and showed us his progress under saddle. He had already won a Bronze medal as a three year old and this year he has developed fantastically in strength and his ability to carry himself. We were more than impressed with the development of his paces, his ground covering walk, his uphill rhythmic trot and his uphill ground covering canter. I had to pinch myself, I could not believe that I could be so lucky to own such another amazing moving stallion with ultimate rideability to match and then there was Golden Rock. Last time I saw him in the flesh was two years prior and now he a three year old with an amazing musculature and body development for his age not to mention his drop dead gorgeous looks. Danica took him into the arena and our jaws dropped immediately, his walk was huge with a massive over track. His trot was full of suspension with fantastic knee and hock action and the canter was so uphill combined with a powerful ability to come through from behind. Along with all his fancy movement, our young stallion is still able to maintain softness and swing through the back. Talk about exceed all expectations, I was in shock that these two ponies were really mine!

Golden Rock performed like a star at the Bundeschampionate 2011 in the three year old stallion class. Our young stallion has had such a huge year in Germany with licensing, competitions and covering 50 mares this season. We were pleased that he continued to show his excellent rideability and temperament for the five days that he was stabled at the Bundeschampionate in Warendorf . Despite the fact that this was a big ask for our three year old stallion, he ended in the top eight in the finals round and we were extremely pleased with result . He scored 9's for his canter in both rounds and also 9's for his type. The judges commented that he was a top class stallion with excellent musculature, body type and quality movement.

Trussardi proved his ever reliable form once again. He became the Bronze Medalist of the 4 year old stallions. He showed us his uphill movement and fantastic rideability. He is a born showman and he really loves the attention of the crowds, the more people that are looking at him and the more clapping there is for him the more proud Trussardi becomes ! In the final round with the test riders he put his best foot forward and with his rideability and talent he earned his Bronze Medal.

Just when we thought that our luck could not get any better, we had more success with a son of our very own Imported stallion Don Philino. Don Philino himself has been a silver medallist in dressage along with two other finalist placings in dressage and Gold Medallist of carriage driving in past Bundeschampionates. Don Philino's four year old son Don Peppino (Don Philino/Diskus) had not only qualified, he also became a finalist. He has inherited his sire's amazing temperament and movement, he scored a 9.5 for his walk in the first round ,with a total score of 8.33 to gain himself a place in the finals. He ended up equal seventh place in the finals. This is a really great tribute to Don Philino as a sire.

The Bundeschampionate is a treat for any spectator, held in Germany's central horse hub in the picturesque town of Warendorf. The event is not only filled top class young horse and ponies but also some of the most elite names in German horse sport. As you wander through the forest of the venue which is also the home to the National Training Centre DOKR, there are hundreds of exhibits, great shopping, wine bars, beer bars and of course many food stands. Around each corner there are top class cross country, show jumping and dressage classes taking place. The atmosphere on the final two days is awesome and in the presentations no one holds back as the celebratory music plays through the speaker and the crowds go wild cheering, clapping and stamping their feet on the stand to pay tribute to the medal winners.

I was proud enough to watch our stallion Don Philino when he was a finalist as a five year old stallion, I never dreamt that we would have so much success in the year 2011.

