

The importance of Graaf van Wittenstein for Gelders breeding

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Without Graaf van Wittenstein, the Gelders horse would never have become what we saw in the 1960s. Partly thanks to Graaf van Wittenstein, a good foundation has been laid among a population from which Riding Horses, Harness Horses and Gelders horses were bred.



Graaf van Wittenstein (Baronet (v. Domburg) x Diedrich x Domburg)

This influence is still clearly visible and it is wise to ensure that we implement this properly in future generations. In the overview photo below it becomes very clear how important Graaf van Wittenstein has been for breeding and we can still see that in all those important mare lines for the Gelders horse. Evert van Binsbergen and many of his fellow top breeders understood the importance of consolidating things very well.

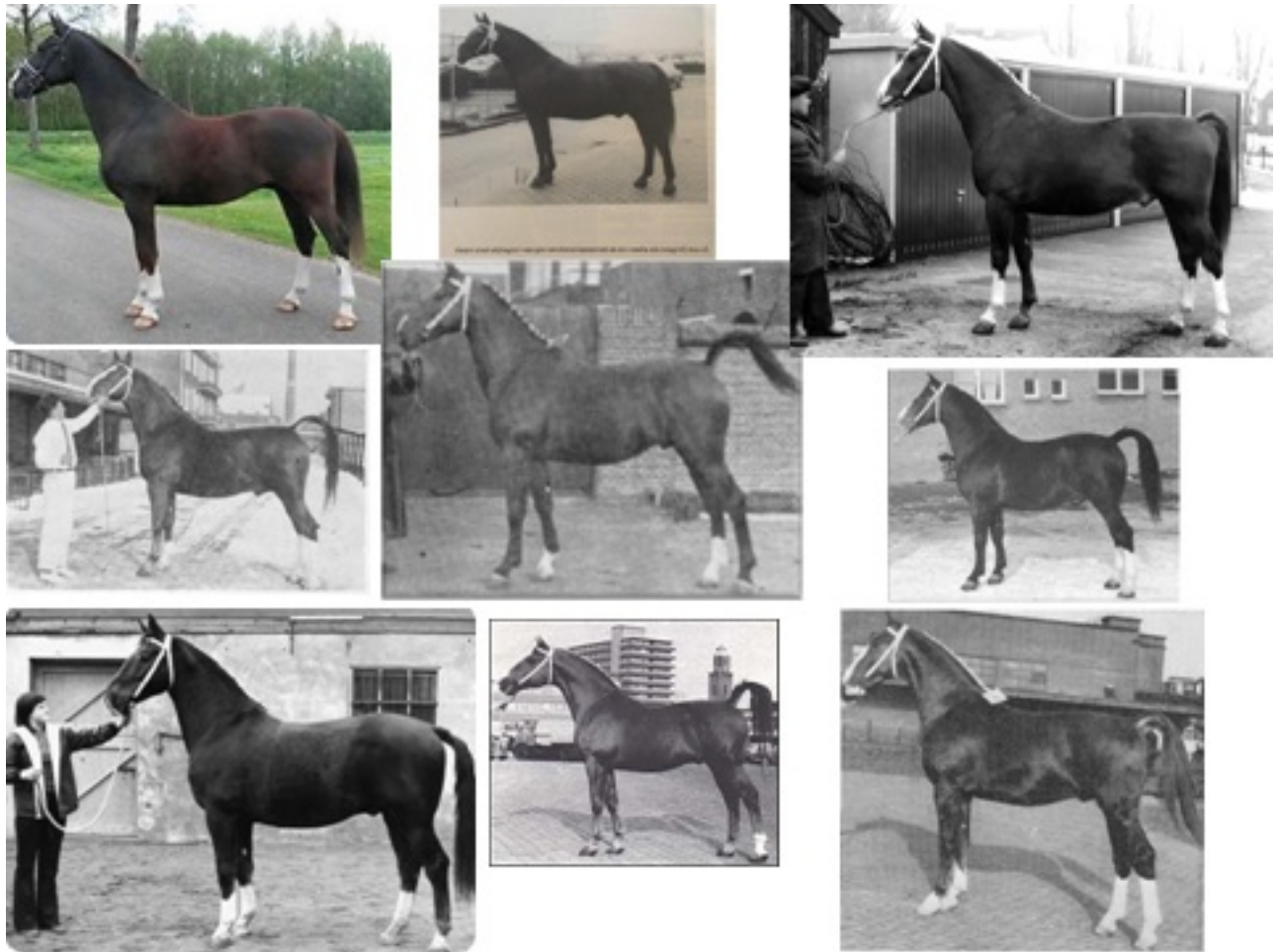
For us lies an equally important task to consolidate so that we make the Gelders horse better (while keeping an eye on their use) and ensure that a Gelders horse remains.

In anticipation of the overview of Graaf van Wittenstein's influence and image of the stallions below with the bloodlines behind them, there is a stallion who, based on his bloodlines, can make an extra important contribution to creating a strong basis. This is not yet recognized.



One of the important sons of Graaf van Wittenstein, was Karolus van Wittenstein (Graaf van Wittenstein x Ot van Wittenstein x Reveil x Domburg), a masterpiece bred by Evert van Binsbergen.

Casaron becomes a key stallion in the development of breeding of the Gelders horse. It is important that we make strategic use of this. It is important to combine him with strong mare lines so that the products from this can additionally strengthen the building of the necessary base. The Graaf van Wittenstein- influence in Casaron is one of the supporting forces. That's one reason he can play a key role.



Stallions with a clear Graaf van Wittenstein influence

The photos above of Dirigent, Wachtmeester and Olaf van Wittenstein are mirrored (only with the objective of being able to compare their conformation with the others. Formally, what you see in those 3 photos is wrong. The markings are therefore also the wrong way around.)

Without Graaf van Wittenstein and L'Invasion we would not have had these 9 stallions. On the middle line 3 stallions with the build-up of L'Invasion x Graaf van Wittenstein. From left to right: Roland, Wachtmeester and Olaf van Wittenstein. On the bottom and top row 5 sons of Wachtmeester are depicted. Top in the middle, Dirigent, to the right of it Eufraat. Bottom left Irak, next to Commandant and next to him Folio. We see that Eufraat and Folio are somewhat similar in print. Eufraat has a bit more the lower neck that you also see with Wachtmeester and also a bit more that 'bloodiness' in the legs (possibly both slightly supported by Karolus van Wittenstein). Domburg II, who is shown at the top left, fits in a bit with the image of those stallions, which of course is not surprising when you look at the blood composition. The Folio blood and the maternal line of Eufraat come together there.

Description of the blood composition of the stallions in the block of photos above:

Top left: Domburg II (Laurentz (Bazuin x Unitas x Folio x Gloriant x Zonnevorst (Karolus van Wittenstein) x Selim x Karolus van Wittenstein) x Cavalcadour xx x Wachtmeester x Normann x Karolus van Wittenstein x Felix x Burchtheer x Kroonprins x Colonel (Mentor) x Zwingli)

Top center: (Wachtmeester son Dirigent (Wachtmeester x Helmar x Nubert x Donno x Mentor))

Top right: (Wachtmeester son Eufraat (Wachtmeester x Karolus van Wittenstein x Felix x Burchtheer x Kroonprins x Colonel (Mentor) x Zwingli))

Left Center: (Roland (L'Invasion x Graaf van Wittenstein x Agammemnon x Faribo x Centaurus (Mentor)))

Middle middle: (Wachtmeester (L'Invasion x Graaf van Wittenstein x Reveil x Domburg))

Center right: (Olaf van Wittenstein (L'Invasion x Graaf van Wittenstein x Caesar x Nubert x Gonocraat))

Bottom left: (Irak (Wachtmeester x Alex x Utopia x L'Invasion x Caesar x Reveil x Domburg))

Bottom center: (Commandant (Wachtmeester x Normann x Feiner Kerl x Godin))

Bottom right: (Folio (Wachtmeester x Tamboer x Baronet x Nubert x Grootmeester x Colonel (Mentor)))



Casaron (Ginus x Zichem x Irak x Simon Bolivar x L'invasion x Graaf van Wittenstein)

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