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VALFIN jb is 12 years old !

Valfin jb, here is the name of a worldwide known and valued Montbeliarde sire. On the 3 February 2016, the Champion celebrates its 12th anniversary in Crançot AI stud. Since he got his title of N°1 of the breed in ISU in June 2011, this sire has become a real icon for the Montbeliarde selection program. In the meantime, he is also the last great sire of the breed created before the genomic era.

Valfin jb : its life, its success !

On February 3, 2004, Valfin jb is born on Christian Comte farm, breeder at Dramelay (Jura). Valfin jb is the son of Natif jb, N°1 in ISU himself in his times, and the first calf of Saveur, Imposteur's daughter. At one month old, Valfin jb leaves his herd and enter the individual control station at Crançot.

On her first lactation, Saveur highlights two essential qualities:

- Production on one hand, with 8,027 kg of milk in 301 days.
- A complete morphology on the other hand, which has been appreciated by specialists at the show « Miss Nationale Montbéliarde » at Puy en Velay on spring 2004.

Over the 100 bulls bought by Jura-Bétail for this campaign, Valfin jb will be part of the sampling group gathering 34 sires born in 2004.

History will recall that the first insemination with Valfin jb have not been done in France but in Czech Republic. The bull is 12 months old when his first doses reach Prague.

Four years later, in January 2009, the first 51 daughters controlled in Czech Republic bring the

bull in a very good position in the SIC (Czech equivalent ISU)



In February 2010, the first 77 French daughters recorded give the same profile as the one already given a year earlier on the other side of Europe.

From this moment, it's now obvious this bull will give entire satisfaction in a wide range of breeding conditions.

Within those two countries, Valfin jb will progressively rise in its ranking to end as **the N°1 of the Montbeliarde breed in 2011.**



Valfin jb : a great traveler !

In 2010 and 2011, Valfin jb will travel several times in Belgium and United-Kingdom for 11 months in total in order to produce female sexed semen. No need to say that the inventory done will be gone very fast.

In March 2011, its progenies are presented for the first time at Jura-Parc.



When Valfin jb comes back from United-kingdom in September 2011, his inventory in conventional doses is almost gone. He is the N°1 of the breed and is asked everywhere in the world.

Without the great production capacity of the bull, Jura-Bétail would not have been able to answer to the demand. For Valfin jb, as well as for all other JB bulls, the threshold of 8 million of spermatozoid at the time of the insemination is inescapable.

Valfin jb : its offspring !

In December 2015, Valfin jb has recorded 12,000 milking daughters in 15 countries.

Less than half of those, which is 5,239 daughters in 2014 herds, is in France.

In second place comes the Czech Republic with 3,668 daughters recorded in 273 herds.

The third place is for Netherlands with 1,095 daughters recorded in 275 herds.

Recorded milking daughters of Valfin jb are also in Switzerland (558), in Poland (271), in Italy (71), in the United States (32), in Australia, in United Kingdom, in Canada,...

By asking breeders in those different countries, they are unanimous about its daughters' recognized qualities:

- A high protein and fat milk
- A very healthy udder (mastitis are very rare)
- An outstanding longevity
- A real soundness
- An unbeatable fertility

And the family is growing up every day. Looking at the worldwide sales done up to the end of 2015, we are expecting about 25,000 daughters in 26 different countries in 2020.

At this scale, France will stand for only 25% of the total offspring. This shows the emissary role that Valfin jb has since 5 years in the Montbeliarde world.

Having a look at the male progeny, 30 sons have been spread in France using AI. But, unlike him, his sons have been used through the genomic system, set up in 2009, which has made a stringent selection from their birth. The oldest ones (Falco jb, Fournil jb,...) already have daughters in production.

Valfin jb : a star is born !

After giving so much, and travelled so much as well, Valfin jb is enjoying his retirement in his personal box in Crançot. He is still collected according to the request and he sometimes meets one of his grandsons in the collecting room.

Out of respect for this great sire, Jura-Bétail has decided to keep him in its stud. Taking into account his good health, there is no doubt Valfin jb will remain a part of our team for years.

Valfin jb daughters in Netherlands



NB : Thank you to all our distributors for their participation in this sump up of a great Montbeliarde sire.