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Prix La Haye Jousselin

Result and quotes from the winners



The Prix de La Haye Jousselin is one of the big events of the European jumping calendar and this year it is Grandeur Nature who stole this victory with a dramatic finish. This success at the highest level confirms that the leadership at Haras de Saint-Voir - namely Nicolas de Lageneste - is at the head of the rankings as breeders but also as owners. That is what is exceptional! So, Grandeur Nature was raised in l Allier (03), but trained in Royan (17) by Arnaud Chaillé-Chaillé. This trainer has won three of the nine Group 1 races of the 2023 French racing calendar. Even before the end of the season, we know that no one can reach this success in races of this level this year (no other professional trainer has won more than one Group 1 in our jump racing calendar). The Jockey riding Grandeur Nature, Gaëtan Masure , has had an incredible weekend and can now count more than 300

wins over jump races. Over two days of racing , he has won three Group races , those being le Prix Serge Landon, Grand Prix d'Automne (Group 1) and le Prix Congress (Group 2). What a record !

Favourite in this test, Gran Diose led this race from the front, with Manigance just behind in his tracks. The large horse ran through the race showing his tremendous strides and James Reveley tried not to impede him. Over the jumps , Gran Diose seemed to become more attentive until he made a big mistake over the rail ditch. On the contrary, Grandeur Nature ran discretely amongst others at the back. Gran Diose had , however , held the lead along the right-hand side, with the prize in sight. His team believed that he would win , right up to the finish, but along the last straight, Gran Diose could accelerate no more , while Grandeur Nature suddenly showed his class. It is therefore Grandeur Nature who wins in style. The best horse won. Gran Diose is second, in front of Grand Oncle, a newcomer at this level.

The technical result

1st GRANDEUR NATURE

2nd GRAN DIOSE

3rd GRAND ONCLE

Distance : 3,5 – 10 – 12. Time : 7'24"63

Quotes from the winners

Gaetan Masure (Jockey to Grandeur Nature, 1st) – France

« I tried not to let him quicken too early. It is the last to attack who wins, when running on heavy ground. He ran efficiently throughout the whole race , in arduous ground. I was riding him hoping to achieve second place, but when we closed in on Gran Diose, I knew that we were going to win! »

Nicolas de Lageneste (owner and joint breeder of Grandeur Nature, 1st) - France

« The fact that he made this return , it was a test. But Arnaud Chaillé-Chaillé worked wonders. A true son of Lord du Sud, the difficult ground suited him. His jockey calculated it so precisely and with confidence. To defeat a great horse like Gran Diose, is not easy. We dream of the Grand Steeple Chase de Paris in 2024. We thought about retirement a few months ago : it is with great satisfaction that we find a win again today , thanks to the exceptional work of Arnaud Chaillé-Chaillé. »

James Reveley (jockey to Gran Diose, 2nd) - France

« I have a few regrets of course. Gran Diose is special and loves to lead , always wanting to have company behind. At the front , I tried to ride as slow as possible , but we were

under pressure. I therefore wanted to let him accelerate. But he was tired at the end. Grandeur Nature was the horse to beat after all. »

Louisa Carberry (trainer of Gran Diose, 2nd) - France

« We will not be too upset about coming second to this great winner and in a Group 1. Congratulations to the winning team. Our horse did not start as well as normal and that cost him at the end.

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