

# The French Menthe Cow family

## ➔ “Consistency All Over...”



**Amarante VG-88-FR**  
Extraordinary Type- and Brood Cow

The French had already known for several years that this family was special and now the rest of us are also aware that it's not only one of the very best families in France, but also competes with the best families in the World! The family really caught the global spotlight with Cabon Fernand at Semex who is seeing international use as a sire of sons, and with the 2011 French National 2yr-old Champion Carf Emeraude VG-89 2yr, later sold to the Netherlands.

### American background

The family originates from America with their roots going back on the American born and bred Ikes-Acres Rag Apple Elly May, born in 1978 and imported to France where she scored VG-87. Elly May had a deep American pedigree consisting of numerous generations of registered Holstein cows.

When the family arrived in France, it overwhelmed the French with every combination and every generation another good cow. If we take a look on the sire stack behind the current top donor cows, there have been questionable bulls in the pedigree, but this strong family survived every combination and really put the transmitting power in from the maternal side to make the very best cows, with classifications up to EX-94!!

The family started at Cabon Holsteins since they purchased Menthe at the Salon '96 in Paris for 45.000 French Francs. From that moment they have been extremely successful with this family. Menthe produced three Number 1 Index cows in France for Cabon Holsteins with Rame VG-86 (s. Aaron), Rosiere EX-90 (s. Convincer) and Otarie VG-89-FR (s. Demand). All of them made their own very successful branch

in the Cabon herd and expanded through different French breeders who have each experienced the great consistency in quality of this cow family.

### Amarante – A family on it's own

Amarante is one cow who will write her own story. She just calved for the 3rd time and looks tremendous. Angelo Pozzatti: “I have seen Amaranthe when she was just fresh with her last calf and she looks absolutely tremendous; for me one of the greatest Shottle daughters type-wise”. Amaranthe has already demonstrated her great type throughout previous lactations with two Top 3 positions at the National Shows in France, and winning the Family prize at the National Show in Lezay 2010! Alongside her extensive show career, Amaranthe is now proving her transmitting ability, with many outstanding descendents on different farms developing both impressive show type with high Genomics.

### Family party at Space '11

The French National Space Show 2011 was a real family affair in the Jr. 2yr-old class. Carf Emeraude, at that time owned by GAEC Carfantan, won the class with the Reserve Championship won by Cabon Elegante VG-88-FR 2yr! Both sired by Goldwyn, both Picston Shottle as maternal grand sire and two maternal sisters as grand dam, Toulouse and Umelin!

## 9 Generations average EX-90

### Genomic Show star leaves France

The National Jr. 2-yr old Champion, Emeraude, bred by GAEC Carfantan out of Shottle daughter Agathe VG-88-FR (Intermediate Champion SIA Paris 2010), had an extremely successful show season of 2011 in France. International interest followed after her high Genomic Index was taken into account - in May 2011 she ranked as the #2 Type cow in France with +3.8 and combined it with a very all-round ISU index of +162. After her victory at the National Space Show '11 she left France for Holland when JK Eder Holsteins & Diamond Genetics purchased her. Emeraude went on to receive the maximum 2yr-old score in the Netherlands (VG-89 2yr), placing 1st in her class at the National HHH-Show and came back with a skyhigh Genomic Index. CA 01/12 DGV LPI +2294 / Conf. +18 which ranks her in the top global rankings for Conformation!



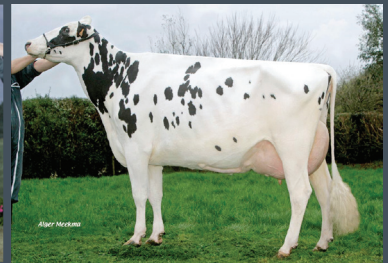
Danoise VG-87-FR 2yr.  
Dam to Cabon Fernand @ Semex



Carf Emeraude VG-89-NL 2yr.  
National Jr. 2-Yr. Old Champion & +18 g Conf.!



Agathe VG-88-FR  
Int. Champion SIA Paris '10 - Dam to Emeraude



Audreay VG-87-FR  
Dam to Dambriuil - #5 ISU Roumare son

## Terrific Toulouse

The cows behind Emeraude have been a very successful branch of the family with a top Genomic heifer tracing back to Toulouse. Dam to the successful Shottle son Avous @ Dynamis (ISU +16) and the cow behind Xacobeo daughter Cherrygirl bred by Danion Herve and GAEC Toullec (Xacobeo x Bolton x Shottle x Toulouse), she is the #1 overall Type heifer in France (Conf. +4.3). She is 0.3 points higher than the #2 heifer and is the #12 ISU heifer overall in France (ISU +181). In the Global rankings, Cherrygirl is listed as the 4th highest Xacobeo daughter for GLPI!

## Sire Success

The list of successfully tested Amarante sons is growing, with the

### Angelo Pozzatti (Semex)

“This is one of the most consistent transmitting cow families in Europe”

popular Craneur (s. Roumare), Extragold (s. Goldwyn) and Esquibien (s. Sanchez) at Genes Diffusion. Esquibien is the #1 ISU Sanchez son, in France and Extragold the #3 Type bull, she has also bred the #7 GTPI Roumare son in the world, Colaro, who is at Semex. The undoubted star at the moment however is Amarante's grandson Cabon

Fernand at Semex. Fernand's mother, Cabon Danoise VG-87-FR 2yr. is a fantastic Bolton daughter who stood 3rd in a strong class of Jr. 2yr-olds at the National Show in Le Mans '11. Her high scoring son Fernand is in big demand as a sire of sons at the moment; he is the #6 GLPI bull in the World with DGV LPI +3665 and for GTPI (+2386), he is the #8 GTPI Man-O-Man son in the breed!

Other male members of the family are also looking to put their stamp on the Holstein population. One of these top bulls is Domin Euro, the #4 Roumare son in France based on ISU (ISU +172) and already used

## Fernand, the #6 GLPI bull in the World and has DGV LPI +3655!!

as a sire of sons. He goes back through a Shottle daughter of Toulouse's full sister, Toscane. The Top 5 of Roumare sons is completed by another member of the family, Drambreuil at Genes Diffusion with almost the same pedigree as Domin Euro. Drambreuil (ISU +170) is a son of Shottle Bottle, another daughter of Toulouse who herself is the dam of Avous (s. Shottle) at Dynamis, a top ranking Shottle son in the French index list with ISU +160. Caesar, again at Genes Diffusion, is also in the Top 10 Shottle sons for ISU in France and is bred from yet another branch of the family.

## What do other people think about the family?

### Angelo Pozzatti (Sire Analyst Semex)



“For me this cow family is one of the most consistent cow families I have seen in Europe. They have the ability to transmit their qualities in both the male and female sides with numerous great quality cows and several successful daughter proven bulls already. At Semex we are very fortunate to work with the Roumare son of Amarante (Colaro) and Amarante's grandson Cabon Fernand, who increased a lot in the last index run and is in use as a sire of sons now in different countries. Amarante is my favorite cow of the family, I just saw her fresh again in her 3rd lactation, and she is one of the best Shottle cows for type I have seen.”

### Frederic Lepoint (Sire Analyst Genes Diffusion)



“We have already worked with this cow family for many years, even before the Genomic era. After the introduction of Genomics, the figures underlined the qualities of this family that we were already aware of. This is certainly one of the very best cow families in France for both Type and Index to work with. Even with lower type bulls in the pedigree, the quality of this family comes through, for example the Dutch Boy son Texas which has still +1.7 for type with over 500 dtrs. He sired the Jr. 2-Yr. Old Champion at the last Eurogenetic show”

### Jean-Luc and Patrick Cabon



“The Menthe family is getting better and better every day. It is the complete package of Production, Type, Health and Index. The impact of Shottle 5-6 years ago first brought this Menthe family into the top level. Last year was especially great, with the bull Cabon Fernand with Semex breaking into the top gLPI listings. This family even performs really well on the show scene in France, winning Space championships with both Elegante and Emeraude.”

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