

# Acqua SERONDELLA

(Abbas Al Ventur x Samoah Serondella by \*HP Ali)



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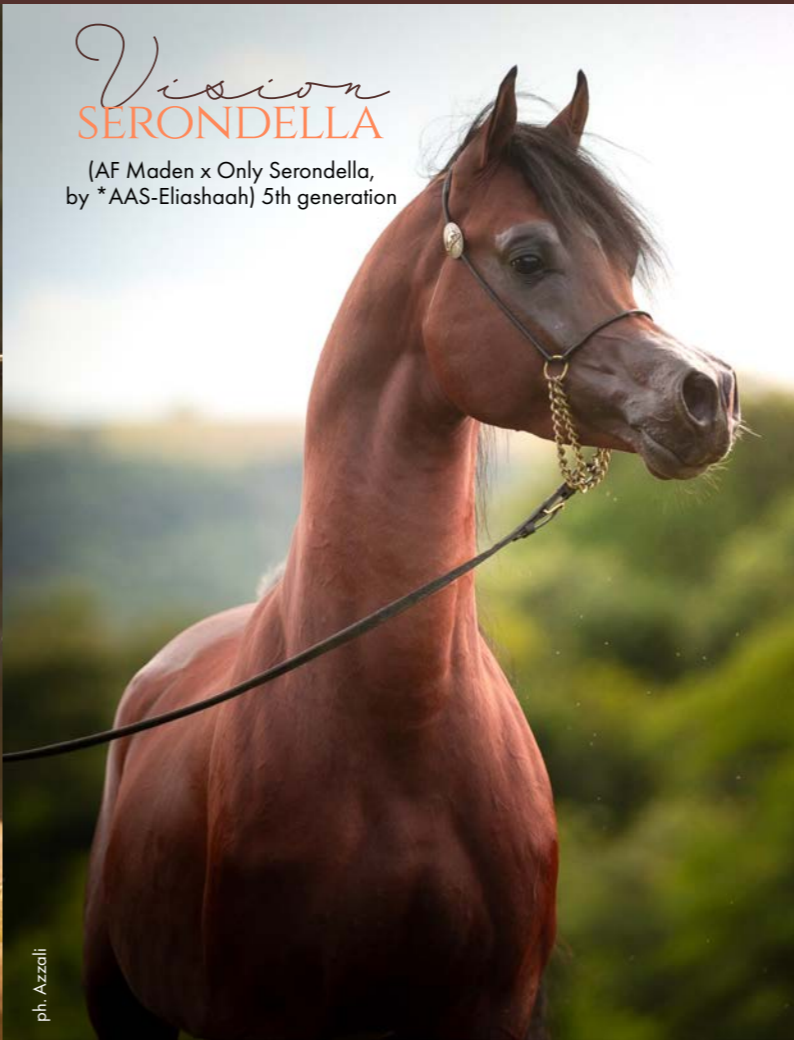
## Chapter II

# The Virtuous Circle of Soul & Harvest



*Only*  
**SERONDELLA**  
 (\*AAS-Elisahaah x Jelabie Serondella)  
 4th generation

The All Time Leading Aristocrat Mare born in Brazil & 5x Brazilian National Champion



*Vision*  
**SERONDELLA**  
 (AF Maden x Only Serondella,  
 by \*AAS-Eliashaah) 5th generation

ph. Azzali



*Royal*  
**DOMINION**  
 (Dominic M x Lumiar Ethna)  
 by RFI Maktub

The Chief Sires at Haras Serondella

by Mario Braga | photos by Alessio Azzali and Renato Sorvilo, Nate White

### Haras Serondella: the virtuous circle of sow and harvest

It is 4:30 in the morning and it is still dark at Haras Serondella. Nevertheless, one could spot the silhouettes of Fabio, Felipe, Fernando and Pedro heading to the stalls with their beloved dog Simba following their steps. It is the eve of the Brazilian National Show and they are going to personally load their contenders in the truck that will carry their horses (alongside their dreams) to the show grounds. This is a ritual that has been repeated year after year by the Amorosino family.

That is, for me, an undisputable token of their love and commitment to the Arabian horse. More than that; it should help the fellow reader in understanding the force behind their longevity in this industry. Love and commitment in motion indeed! It is my honor to have been entrusted with the task of, once again, writing a new chapter in this amazing journey.

Last weekend I had the chance of spending some more time with the Amorosino family who were also hosting the world-famous photographer Alessio Azzali, so I had the privilege of watching him work during his photoshoot while revisiting some Serondella horses and getting to know many new ones.

### The breeding program and the craft of the mare families

There always a lot to report when it comes to Haras Serondella's breeding program for there are so many layers of work and research that one single text would never be able to cover. This information has to be acknowledged with the proper focus and

detail. So even if my initial goal this time around was to cover the development of the new foal crops, with special attention to the offspring of the chief sires Vision Serondella (AF Maden x Only Serondella) and Royal Dominion (Dominic M x Lumiar Ethna), after all the long chats, horse viewings and walks to the pastures, this story has taken a flight of its own, making a stop at the wonderful foal crops indeed, but landing in the sacred realm of the craft and preservation of the mare families and its dam lines.

We have already tapped on this subject last year when the family of Only Serondella (AAS Elishahh x Jelabie Serondella) was widely presented with her many champion offspring as well as the foaling of the first grand get. While this was a pivotal step in presenting the "Serondella look" planned by the Amorosinos. The fact that Only has become the leading Brazilian Aristocrat born in Brazil ever since, and the single one ever to become National Champion with crowned National Champions offspring at the same show is a feat that deserves yet a highlight on this righteously distinguished mare and her amazing family.

From that point on, it makes it necessary now that not only we bring some of the other incredible established mare families to the spotlight but give them their proper credit in perpetuating this goal, by crossing them with Only Serondella's base line, so to speak, and ultimately by also crossing them with each other.

The ancestral alchemy of handling mare families has been somewhat forgotten for several years now. In the past it has been the ultimate reference guide that many important breeders have used to make their breeding decisions. It began with the Bedouin tribes of the Euphrates, going through some greats such as Crabbet Park in England, the Polish State Studs, El Zahara Stud in Egypt, Om el Arab Stud in Germany and the U.S. and Haras Meia Lua in Brazil, just to name a few.

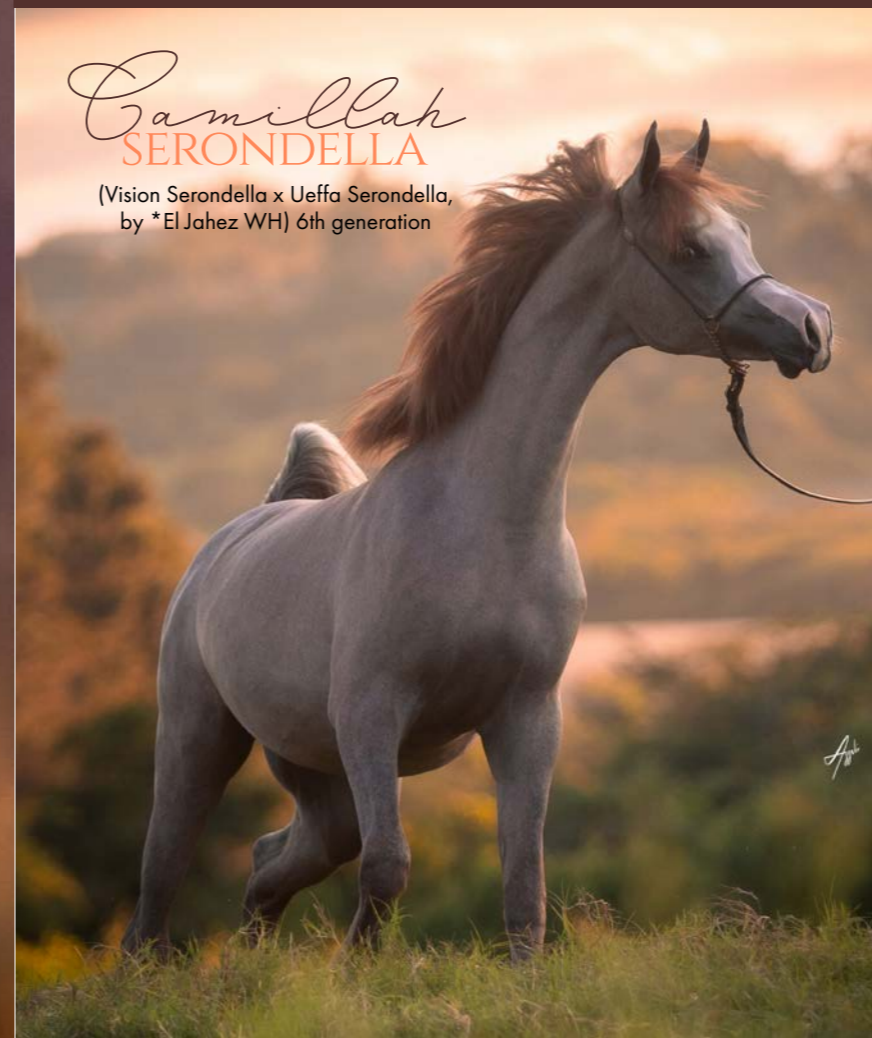
Nonetheless a renaissance of the old ways of working with the mare families is now taking place at Serondella. Much has been said about the modern Arabian horse. But increasingly few people acknowledge that we would never have the present if



*Bhaarez*  
**SERONDELLA**

(Vision Serondella x Arantxa Arabco,  
by QR Marc) 6th generation

*A*



*Camillah*  
**SERONDELLA**

(Vision Serondella x Ueffa Serondella,  
by \*El Jahez WH) 6th generation

*A*



*Baronezah*  
**SERONDELLA**

(Vision Serondella x Rhavina Serondella,  
by Gazal al Shaqab) 6th generation

ph. Azzoli

Brazilian Unanimous National Gold Champion | Future Sire at Serondella



*Vision*  
**SERONDELLA**

(AF Maden x Only Serondella)

it weren't for two thousand years of right decisions taken in the past that allowed us to be where we are now. Thankfully for Fabio, he has realized even before the birth of both Haras Serondella and his three sons (who are now and integral part of it) the treasure hidden in between the lines of a pedigree, especially with its mares. He has put the work to study and master the subject. And so have his sons, I must say.

What we are witnessing at this point is the blossoming of decades of research through the construction of a master breeding plan, based on the selection of the best mare families worldwide, including the creation of strong sire lines based on them. It is no surprise for me that their harvest has been increasingly great, by measuring their four consecutive wins as the best breeders at the Brazilian Nationals, after their glorious return to the show ring, in the last four years and most importantly, their latest three foal crops.

**Vision Serondella and Royal Dominion:  
the answer is on the ground!**

As I mentioned before, my initial task when visiting

Serondella this time was to see the development of the three latest foal crops comprised of horses with the A, B and C initials. But make no mistake. This is their second turn around the A-to-Z circuit. I shall focus of the latest two, since in my previous article the four A's achievements have been righteously remembered. For those who could not read it, the A generation was comprised of: Acqua Serondella (Abbas al Ventur x Samoah Serondella), Amir Serondella (Santorini x Simply Serondella), Azzam Serondella (Quasim CRH x HDF Varsovia) and Almaah Serondella (GT Shardh x Ultraah Serondella), they have all gathered National Champion Titles.

Both Vision Serondella and Royal Dominion have only around ten foals each so far, with three of Royal's babies being born at Haras Panorama in Rio de Janeiro as a result from a long-term partnership created between the Amorosino family and Marcos Quintela and his son Eduardo. An incredible high percentage in both stallions get indicate that the majority of these babies will be destined for the show rings.

From the B generation, two by Vision Serondella were in the lineup for Alessio's photo shoot. I have seen both of them during my last visit: Baronezah Serondella (x Rhavina Serondella) and Bhaarez Serondella (x Arantxa Arabco). Both were bay with extreme refinement, show attitude and balance. Baronezah is the daughter of none other than the Brazilian Gold National Champion Mare Rhavina Serondella, to whom I will dedicate an entire section further ahead.

**Bhaarez Serondella: making his mark from the very beginning**

Bhaarez Serondella has been a star from the get go. At a very young age he was crowned 2024 Brazilian Gold National Champion Junior Junior colt. A rare unanimous win at one of the most prestigious Arabian horse shows in the world. One of the first babies ever born by his sire Vision Serondella, he is being groomed by the Amorosino family as the future herd sire of their program.



*Acqua*  
**SERONDELLA**

(Abbas Al Ventur x Samoah Serondella,  
by \*HP Ali) 6th generation



*Simply*  
**SERONDELLA**

(TS Khidam al Shawan x Only Serondella,  
by \*AAS-Elishaah) 5th generation



*Amir*  
**SERONDELLA**

(Santorini x Simply Serondella,  
by Vervaldee) 6th generation



**Unanimous Brazilian National Gold Champion**

His mother Arantxa Arabco is a rare Brazilian born daughter of the World Champion Stallion QR Mark out of the Aristocrat FA El Shawan daughter Shavanna el Madan, a mare with a tradition of producing herself amazing stallions has now confirmed her ability even more brilliantly through her daughter Arantxa.

Bhareez has a distinguished aura about himself and according to Fabio he has always stood out, from a youngster in the paddock to a ring filed with the best colts in Brazil, from where he left with his unanimous win. His dramatic beauty seems to improve with age and he is likely to be headed to claim yet another victory at this year's Nationals.

The Amorosino family believes so much in him that, even as a two-year-old, they say that he has the potential to go all the way, and so far, no offer shall be big enough to take him away.

**The new foal crops: defining the paths and shaping the future**

It is interesting to notice that after over a year of watching

the growth of the Vision babies, the Amorosino family is convinced that the proper generation to appraise the impact of Only Serondella is through her grand get, even more than her own sons and daughters. From my personal point of view, after seeing the grand get twice in less than a year, this assumption is spot on.

From Vision's production the three youngsters, Bhaarez, Baronezah and the enchanting grey Camillah Serondella (x Ueffa Serondella by El Jahez), seem to be an even more sophisticated version of their sire.

But there are other fine examples coming from Vision's maternal sisters: Amir Serondella is out of Simply Serondella (by TS Khidam Al Shawan and who has been exported to Al Shaqab Stud) while Acqua Serondella is out of Samoah Serondella (by HP Ali). Both of them have National titles to their belts. But the greatest surprise might come from the three daughters of Only Serondella whose offspring are yet to be shown. Unicah Serondella (by AF Maden), a full sister to Vision as well as Rhaydee Serondella (by El Tino) have foaled respectively a daughter and a son by Royal Dominion that show incredible promise, whereas her other daughter Zarza Serondella (by Royal Asad) has just delivered a very special filly by Abbas al Ventur who has the potential to follow her sister's Acqua big footsteps.

**Amir Serondella: A star rising quietly in the Serondella constellation**

It is important to bring light to and to write further about Amir Serondella. More than an honorable maternal grandson of the matriarch Only Serondella, he is a star of his own for series of reasons.

First and foremost is the fact that he brings a whole different look of classical features to the farm's equation, probably since his sire Santorini represents a blood source that is found nowhere else in Brazil other than at Haras Serondella. He is by

# Calleri SERONDELLA

(Royal Dominion x Rhaydee Serondella,  
by \*El Tino) 6th generation

ph. Azzali



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# Ceciliah SERONDELLA

(Royal Dominion x Ruby HVP,  
by \*Vaalente)

# Royal DOMINION

(Dominic M x Lumiar Ethna,  
by RFI Maktub)



# Celine SERONDELLA

(Royal Dominion x Sahara Damazat,  
by \*Vaalente)



ph. Azzali

Vervaldee, an accomplished sire for Ajman Stud and a son of Versace out of his maternal sister Giavanna, hence doubling the blood of the spectacular El Shaklan daughter Precious as Gold. Amir's mother Simply Serondella is the only grey like of the daughters of Only Serondella presently in production, and even though she brings her mother's trademark, she also brings her own personal features of beauty to the mixture.

Amir is a young bay stallion of extreme refinement. His face is exquisite and his body is smooth and balanced. His trot is animated and his tail carriage is a straight flag like we see in paintings of the desert war horses. His unique pedigree brings a new perspective to the breeding program. He has proven himself in the ring by winning the Silver National Junior Championship in 2023.

The Amorosinos are aware of Amir's potential and this year they are breeding a handful of excellent mares to him, including the Brazilian National Champion Mare Simonetta LF.

### The C is for Champion: the amazing quality of Serondella's latest C generation

And then there were the Royal Dominion's on the generation C roster: two fantastic blacks and a superstar bay filly,

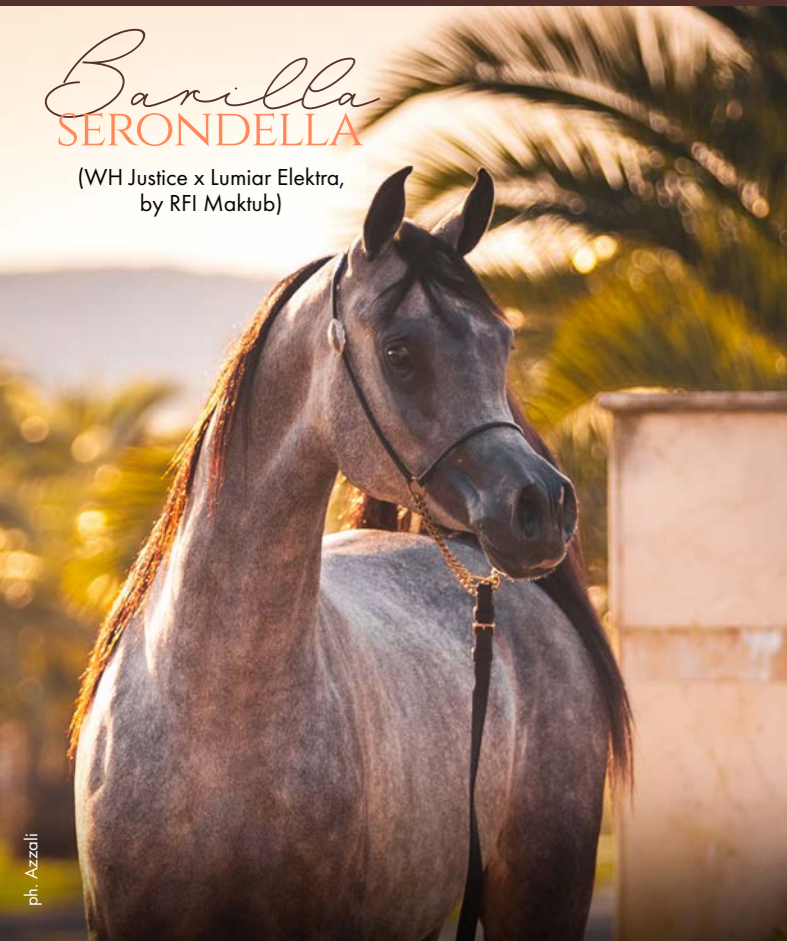
respectively Calleri Serondella, Ceciliah Serondella and Celine Serondella. Interestingly they are all out of DA Valentino granddaughters through El Tino and Vaalente.

Calleri Serondella is a magnificent black colt of stallion quality, out of the above mentioned Rhaydee Serondella, who is likely to compete with his two other paternal siblings at the upcoming Brazilian National Show. He is the first-born product of the Dominion and a daughter of Only Serondella and prove that this cross has worked really well.

Since his birth, Vision's full sister and hence another daughter of Only Serondella have also foaled a beautiful daughter by Royal while spending this foaling season at Haras Panorama. The back and forth cross between daughters of Vision to Dominic and eventually the other way around as well, is part of a conscious breeding plan that takes into consideration what their pedigrees and their physical attributes may be able to complement one another.

Ceciliah Serondella, also of black color, is out of the Vaalente daughter Ruby HVP who is out of the Brazilian National Champion and Las Vegas Champion Mare Marcaysa FA, by QR Mark. Her black coat and her incredible type are similar to her grandmother's, the black Ali Jamaal daughter Jamaara FA an Arabian Horse World Aristocrat. Her mother is the great Bey Shah daughter NV Tiara Bey, who is also the mother of U.S and Scottsdale Champion colt Psytanium (by Padron's Psyche) and Jamaara's full brother Talmaal FA. She also traces to the famed Rodania from Crabbet. Like her two other siblings, Cecilia is a great mover and loves to show.

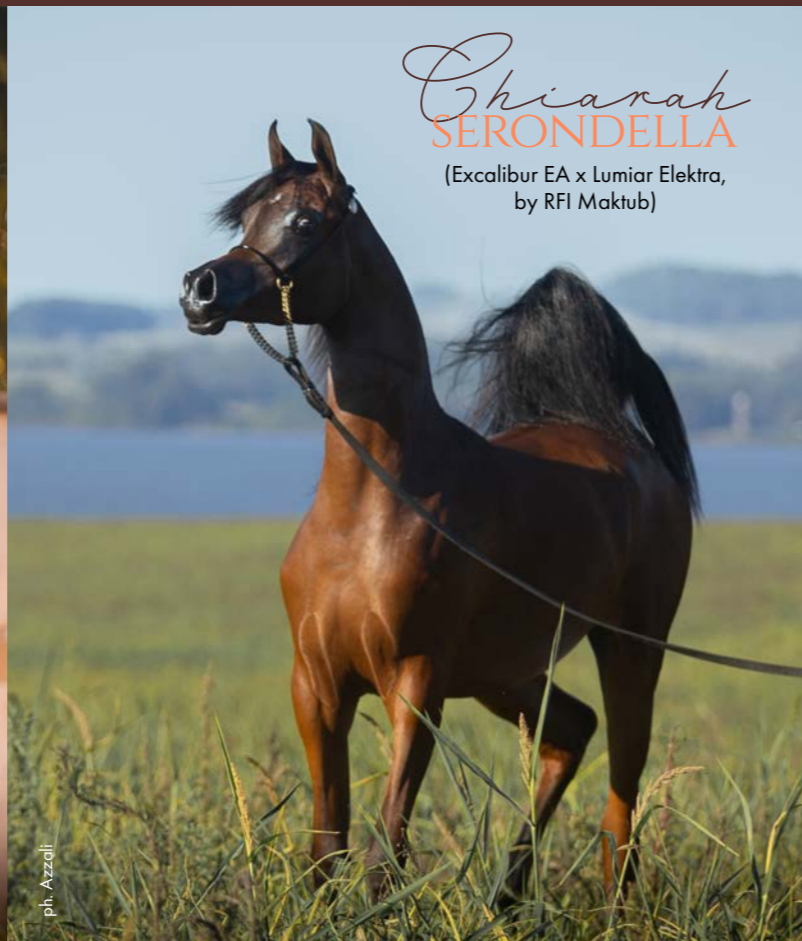
Celine Serondella has been recently weaned and stabled, nevertheless once she starts to move you realize she is the consummate show horse. Her neck is carried high and graceful, her face is exquisite with the most beautiful and large eyes imaginable, her legs are long, her body is very balanced and her tail carriage is high and straight. She reminds me of the top fillies that used to win in Scottsdale back when there were classes with over 60 entries. She comes from a line of Brazilian Aristocrat mares, starting with her grandmother Sahara Dagherah (by Denali BHF), a past Brazilian National Gold Champion Filly who also produced the Brazilian National Gold Champion colt and the reigning U.S. National Champion Stallion Emir Sahara (by Emerald J) and the exquisite U.S. and Brazilian National Champion filly OFW Magic Wan daughter Sahara Dawarah. Dagherah's mother Sahara Gallina (by JJ Señor Magnum), was also a Brazilian National Gold Champion filly and mother to a Brazilian National Champion Stallion, in this case, Wandan el Madan (by OFW Magic Wan). Further three generations



*Barilla*  
SERONDELLA

(WH Justice x Lumiar Elektra,  
by RFI Maktub)

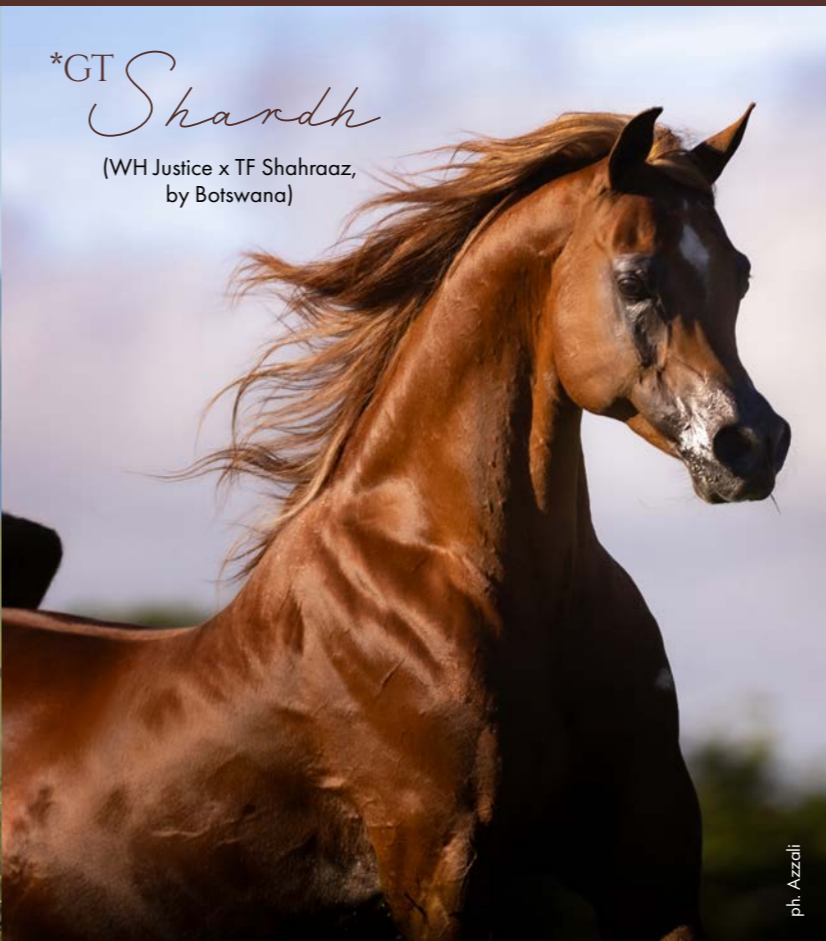
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*Chiarah*  
SERONDELLA

(Excalibur EA x Lumiar Elektra,  
by RFI Maktub)

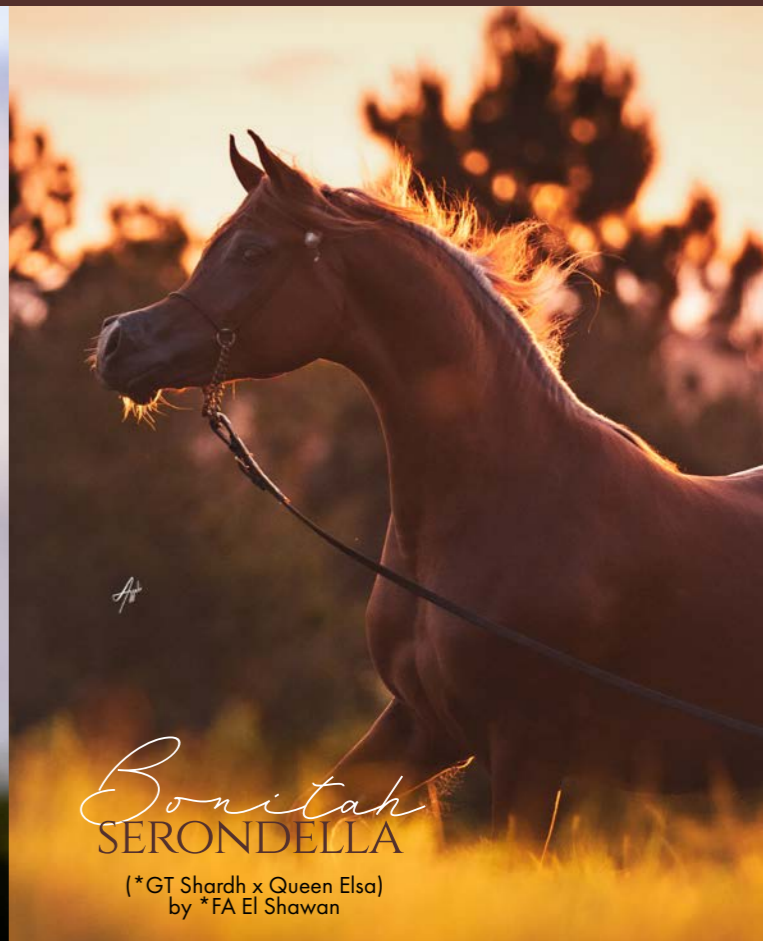
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\*GT *Shardh*

(WH Justice x TF Shahrnaz,  
by Botswana)

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*Bonitah*  
SERONDELLA

(\*GT Shardh x Queen Elsa)  
by \*FA El Shawan

proudly owned by Al Kaiser Stud

proudly owned by Haras Aratinga & Haras Serondella



*Almaah*  
SERONDELLA

(\*GT Shardh x Ultraah Serondella)  
2nd generation

ph. Azzoli

down in Celline's pedigree we find the legendary Russian import Tananaa, the mother of Tamaara HVP, one of Brazil's all time greatest Aristocrats, mother of the great Magnum Chall HVP.

That would be by final report on the B and C representatives if it wasn't for another bay beauty who has been in the stall for only a couple of days and was not scheduled for the photoshoot.

Chammur Serondella is a daughter of Vision Serondella and Lumiar Elektra, a full sister to Lumiar Ethna who in turn is the mother of Royal Dominion. A very balanced bodied filly with an upright neck and huge black eyes that have now become a trademark of the Vision babies. She will probably be the headliner of a future article for her looks are as special as her generation peers. Elektra has also two daughters in Uruguay. Chiara Serondella by Excalibur EA in Uruguay as well as the National Champion WH Justice daughter Barillah Serondella. Her blood is perpetuated at Serondella by both Chammur and Bambinah Serondella (by WH Justice).

Even the slightest mention of the iconic Lumiar Ethna's name will fatally lead us to unfold yet a new approach towards the present phase of Haras Serondella's breeding. A

very important step that will determine the paths of many other future steps in the years to come for it explains and situates the role of one of the major players in this game.

### Royal Dominion's trajectory and the X factor Lumiar Ethna

I have known and admired Lumiar Ethna since the time that she was a weaning at Haras Lumiar owned by Antonio Carlos Rego, who I visited very often since, luckily for me, he had his farm near Rio de Janeiro. Ethna's mother, Evening Star TGS (Lumiar Amadeus x Promise V by Huckeberry Bey) was, alongside CA Sabrina (the mother of Lumiar Amadeus), an all-time favorite of mine at Haras Lumiar.

The year was 2012 and Evening Star has had three embryos that year. Three fillies, two being by RFI Maktub, namely Lumiar Ethna and Lumiar Elektra, and a third one named Lumiar Evitha being by Ryad el Jamaal. Though they were all very good, Lumiar Ethna was always a standout, being already a super star with her black coat and the beauty from her mother Evening Star and her beautiful black grandmother, the Brazilian National Champion Mare Promise V.

Promise V had a successful show career in the U.S. winning her age class at Scottsdale and a U.S National Top Ten Futurity Filly title. She was then imported to Brazil by Georges Naoum of Haras TGS who presented her to her Brazilian National Champion Mare Title. After producing some babies with his famous Bey Shah son Shahlenger, he made an interesting deal with Haras Lumiar that would change the course of history of Arabian Horse breeding for good. It was decided that Georges best mare, Promise V, would be bred to Lumiar Amadeus while CA Sabrina (the mother of Lumiar Amadeus) the best mare of Haras Lumiar would be bred to Shahlenger. The result were two grey fillies, one of them being Evening Star TGS. And the rest is history...

As future would confirm, Lumiar Ethna was destined for greatness and she won hearts and major titles in every country she has been in including Brazil, Chile and the U.S.A. Though deceased very early, before her tragic loss, she gifted the world with

# Princess DOMINICA

(Dominic M x Bretta UB,  
by \*OFW Magic Wan)



# Bint Only SERONDELLA

(Razeer Serondella x Only Serondella,  
by \*AAS-Elishahh) 5th generation



# Ultraah SERONDELLA

(Quasim CRH x \*Aria Shanteuse,  
by Gazal Al Shaqab)



2024 Brazilian National Gold Champion

3 x Brazilian National Champion and dam of Almaah Serondella (x \*GT Shardh) Brazilian and Scottsdale Champion)

two very special colts that are helping to redefine the perception of beauty within the Arabian Horse Community, both of them bred by Royal Arabians.

The first of them has always been in the front line for their breeders and owners, both as a show horse and as a sire. Royal Asad (by El Tino) has won in major shows in several countries before becoming a sire of distinction, with many champion get that have a broad appeal, pleasing the taste of both European, Middle Eastern, South American and North American breeders in the present time.

For that reason, the other son, and by all means they were equally wonderful in their own special ways, has been kept somewhat away from the general international public since his birth in Brazil. But a twist of fate could have changed the course that life has taken. With the sale of Royal Asad to Hanaya Stud, the spot of chief sire was vacant at Royal Arabians and it would not be a wrong assumption to think that his beautiful brother Royal Dominion, even though still very young, could become a likely candidate to replace him in his absence. It seems that the Amorosinos might have had a similar reflection on that regard...

Dominion had been named Brazilian National Gold Champion Colt in his first public appearance (coincidentally the Silver Champion that year was no other than Vision Serondella) and since then he was much praised for his quality and beauty by the Brazilian breeders who saw him, including the Amorosino family that very early on placed him under their radar.

Time went by and Fabio could not take Royal Dominion of his mind. His look was so unique and it seemed to be quite a fit for the Serondella look that at that point was still a dream. Pedigree wise it complemented the existing lines perfectly well and the fact that both of his parents spent their youth in Brazil and many of his ancestors were no strangers to the Brazilian breeders, seemed to make a bet on this young colt a safer one.

But there was just one problem: their owners were Royal Arabians, one of the largest breeders in the world, who did not want and let alone needed to sell him. In the meantime, Fabio's plans for Dominion became Felipe's, Fernando's and Pedro's goals as well, and at this point it became a family mission to have him. A period of long negotiations was in place with Rodolfo

Guzzo in 2023 whose plans were to take him to the U.S. and plan his show career there while he was still a colt. Since Royal Asad was still at Royal at that point the team at Royal Arabians decided that it could not hurt to hear what the Amorosino's had to say. A race against time began in order to keep the colt in Brazil, and after a long exchange of conditions and counter offers the colt's owners received an offer they just could not refuse, and Dominion became finally a part of the Serondella team. According to Fabio, it was the most expensive individual he had ever acquired in his life. A wise decision nevertheless.

But back to the mares...

An interesting new aspect of the Serondella breeding program at this time is the start of their development of an international presence of their horses through the making of embryos from three of the mares that were recently exported by them: Simply Serondella in Qatar, Almaah Serondella in the U.S.A and Barillah Serondella in Uruguay. The faith in the strength of the mare families developed at the farm is the motivation to test that abroad with international stallion otherwise not available in Brazil.

Since my last year's visit I felt that they were some truly extraordinary mares have earned the distinction of carrying the legacy of their important families within the farm's program with several great offspring to sustain their importance. Important new blood has also been incorporated through strategic purchases of selected mares and outstanding embryos from famous breeding programs. Some of these amazing mares and their counterpart ancestors who brought relevance to their families are:

- Bonitah Serondella, the muti champion daughter of GT Shardh is representing the blood of the Aristocrats Nahla el Madan and AF Gandola, through her mother Queen Elsa FWM;
- AF Ode (by AF Jabor) – Representing the blood of AF Odessa, mother of the great sire AF Maden and the blood the Aristocrats of Haras Fortaleza Apricot Lady (in tail female) as well as Love Melody, Delta Venus and Wind Charm;
- Ruby HVP (by Vaalente) – The mother of Cecilih Serondella, representing her National Champion mother Marcaaysa FA and her aristocrat grandmother Jamaara FA;

# Rhavina SERONDELLA

(Gazal al Shaqab x \*RP Johara,  
by WH Justice)



Brazilian National Gold Champion Senior Mare with Mr. Michael Byatt and creating a dynasty of her own

- Sahara Khilina (by Khidar) and Sahara Damazat (by Vaalente) representing the blood of the Brazilian National Champion Sahara Gallina and her National Champion daughter Sahara Daghira, their mothers respectively. Damazat is the mother of Celine Serondella;
- Thazeera Serondella (by El Tino) a full sister to the exported Brazilian National Champion Colt Razeer Serondella both out of the ethereal Brazilian and U.S. National Champion mare Queen Ayda FWM (by FA El Shawan);
- Zabellah Serondella a multi-Champion daughter of the late HDF Lugano representing the blood of the beautiful Aristocrat daughter of WH Justice, Stig Justine;
- Rannah Serondella a daughter of World Champion Stallion Fadi al Shaqab representing her National Champion mother, the National Champion Dora Van Ryad. Hannah is the mother of Ueffa Serondella (by El Jahez WH) who is the mother of the promising Vision daughter Camillah Serondella;
- Princess Dominica (by Dominic M), the reigning Brazilian National Gold Champion Filly was recently added in a partnership with Gustavo Paiva and Eugenio Rigonato, is representing the blood of both her mother Breta UB and her grandmother HB Bessoela, both Brazilian and World Aristocrats;
- Ultraah Serondella (by Quasim CRH), three times Silver National Champion mare representing the blood of Aria Shanteuse, one of the pillars of Haras Serondella and her famous grandmother the famous black U.S. National Champion Mare Shahteyna. Ultraa is the mother of the beautiful Almaah Serondella (by GT Shardh) who is the reigning Brazilian Gold National Champion Filly and exported to Rae Dawn Arabians in the U.S. Ultraah is coming back to the ring to claim for the ultimate Golden title at the upcoming Brazilian Nationals;
- RP Joharra (by WH Justice) – The mother of Rhavina Serondella, a mare that deserves a text of her own.

## Rhavina Serondella: the unraveled journey of a righteous queen

The story of Rhavina Serondella has been told to me by Fabio in my last two visits. I always hesitated about writing it since hearing it was such a graphic journey that I did not want to somehow diminish the experience by only writing it. But I guess the time has come.

It starts with an embryo purchase at Haras Villa dos Pinheiros. The mare was the famous WH Justice daughter RP Joharra, a mare of exquisite beauty that by that time have not yet produced a foal as fantastic or better than her. A series of debates started between Fabio, his sons and an invisible character that has appeared a lot in our latest conversations: intuition.

It seems rather abstract at first to place intuition among some other more concrete decision elements. But more and more I learned to respect its mention. Especially when it comes from long time breeders, such as Fabio. True intuition, in my view, is kind of a grace that is only granted to those who earned it by their knowledge and hard work. An invisible compass to help those deserving few braves to navigate in the fog of uncertainty.

It seemed that intuition played a pivotal role when Fabio chose Gazal Al Shaqab for the embryo. A decision that was not at all unanimous among the family, for Gazal's breeding was extremely rare and there were other mares at Serondella who could benefit from the breeding more than Joharra, according to some from the family. Nevertheless, the decision was made and almost a year late it has proven to be a right one. A gorgeous bay filly was born and her name was Rhavina Serondella.

Rhavina has been a standout since an early age, but she was not very fond of the show ring routine. In her first two outings at Nationals, despite being miserable and unwilling, she managed to place fourth in her filly class and later earn the Reserve Young Mare Championship title. The family decision after that was to let her rest and be her beautiful self at the farm.

But once again Fabio's intuition kept whispering "It's not over. She is supposed to win it". After a hiatus from the show ring with Rhavina being already a Senior Mare, right before the Nationals entry's deadline, Fabio decided to call Michel Byatt who had recently stated that he would no longer show any horses, to ask him if he would accept to show Rhavina (it should be a secret) for a last time. It seems that intuition has been also visiting Michael for not only he accepted the task of having Rhavina as his last horse in the show ring but also declared that she was one of Gazal's best daughters in the world. A major endorsement indeed.

So, when all was decided and the set was staged. Michael came to Brazil to show just her and up to the moment of her entrance no one knew who was presenting her. Moments earlier Michael spent a lot of time with Rhavina in her stall as if taking in all the history that led him to that moment. He knew that the presentation would not be a ride in the park, but he also knew what to do.

The gates were opened Rhavina was up to some serious competition. She had been out for some time whereas other mares have been competing and winning more recently, building a strong base of fans behind them. For the Amorosino's it was a highlight in their own journey, after so many years of involvement in the business.

The time stopped when Rhavina and Michael entered the ring. The presentation, the cheering, the judges and the crowd entangled with the emotions of Fabio and his family. Rhavina did not seem especially cheerful but Michael had it all absolutely planned and anticipated that possibility. When it was time to show her in a circle with the other mares, he did the opposite of what all the other handlers were doing. He took her far away and not closer to the judges. It worked. Rhavina felt comforted and showed everything that she had had within herself on those final minutes, and the judges... they followed her all the way to the end of the rail. Rhavina came out as the Golden National Champion mare that night, fulfilling the promise of who she was from the beginning.

Time went by and Rhavina became a great broodmare, with four beautiful daughters, one of which already a National Champion Filly (Zannah Serondella by Dominic M), and the other three by GT Shardh, Abbas Al Ventur and Vision Serondella are all being retained at the farm for showing and breeding.

It would seem a perfect end to a fairy tale story, but lately intuition has been visiting Fabio again. "It's not over yet" she says "The whole world will know her." And so, it seems though nothing is confirmed, that Rhavina might be stepping once again very soon in the show ring for a world audience to witness her royalty. Truth or rumor? Only time will tell.

As we approach the end of this chapter of the Haras Serondella story, one wonders about what else is there to tell. I should not give you any spoilers, but be prepared for two new plot twists in this amazing story. The first is about an exciting new stallion (who is likely to be a flea beaten grey) whose addition is already being contemplated during the precious chats at the family meals, to shake things down at the farm. The second is a heavenly place that is being prepared to host the new Haras Serondella that is going to be presented to the public very soon. I was one of the few who had the fortune to visit the place. It is really amazing! So, I guess that's all for now. Stay tuned and see you all soon! □



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