

PRE, MALUSO,
an exceptional horse
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GARBOSO XI

YEGUADA DEL CONDE DE ODIEL

Presentation: This is a Purebred Spanish Horse born at the Military Stud Farm in 1949 and who died in 1978 at the Military Sire Stallion Depot in Jerez de la Frontera. He lived twenty-nine years and enjoyed a splendid track record, which we will discuss.

History: The entry for MALUSO states:

Stallion, golden bay, star, line on thigh and gray on tail; 1.55 meters high; brand from the Military Stud Farm.

We saw MALUSO for the last time at the Military Sire Stallion Depot in Jerez, his final post, in May of 1977. Although he still had his vitality, gaits and the typical elevation of his breed, the signs of age were frankly obvious, not so much for the leanness of his body, but for the general whitening, which was especially intense on his head, which was practically white, giving a soft tone of gray towards his neck. This evolution of his coat color was expected, based on the description provided during his youth and his current age.

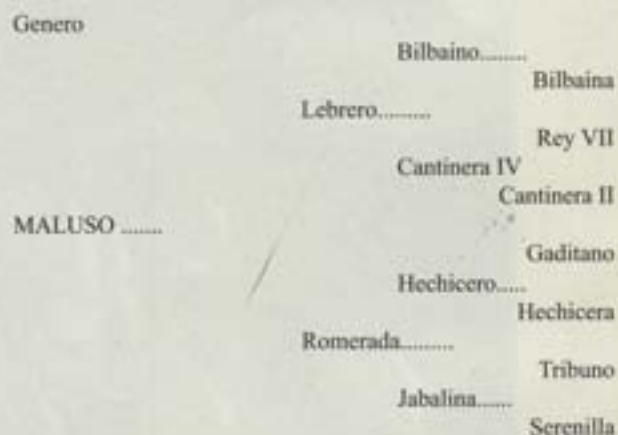
Other characteristics of MALUSO, described when he was destined as a sire stallion, include such details as:

- Head profile: straight
- Conformational details: good
- Movements: graceful
- Temperament: Sanguine
- Live weight: 445 kilos.
- General classification: first
- Estimated value: 30,000 pesetas (approximately €180)
- Destination (usage): sire stallion

The above information might very well be ambiguous, therefore, it is our obligation to underline those points with ethnologic meaning, away from individual opinions. In this sense, we must first look at the straight profile, which refers to the head of a modern horse, once the ram headed type was forsaken, with their more sub-convex profile, thus preferring the orthoid or straighter silhouette. The second aspect to consider is linked to the live weight, within the scope of average volume, but with a slight negative tendency, if we compare with the current weight (an average of 500 kilos). In any case, remember that the horse is 25 years old and there are major advances in handling, feeding, prophylactic treatment and care for the breed. We will overlook the reference to his eco-

nomie value, which would be only symbolic in this day and age, if compared to the current prices, especially for a stallion used for export.

Family tree: his "pedigree" shows:



His sire is descended from "Lebrero" born in 1934, a dark bay, from the BAONES stud farm, and acquired by the Spanish State, to become a sire stallion at the Military Stud Farm. He, by "Bilbaino," was born in 1922, a dapple gray, at the MIURA stud farm, who at the same time, was out of "Cantineria IV" (1927), was bay and also had a BAONES brand. The names of the great-grandfathers, due to the distance in history, lack any true interest, and are not worthy of comment.

From his dam, MALUSO is son of "Romerada," a bay, and an outstanding mare from the state owned stud farm, whose sire was "Hechicero" (1915), a bay and the dam "Jabalina" (1924), with the same coat color, had the same origins. "Gaditano" and "Hechicera" were both born on the GUERREROS stud farm. The other two ancestors ("Tribuno" and "Serenilla") were both from the military stud farm, where they were born.