

ONES TO WATCH

BE TOUCHABLE

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HORS LA LOI II

UNTOUCHABLE

PROMESSE

INDOCTRO

UREKA

LIMIRKA

PAPILLON ROUGE

ARIANE DU PLESSIS II

HEARTBREAKER

CHABLIS
CAPITOL I

VANESSA VII

CONCORDE

SANDRA

Be Touchable is the epitome of modern event breeding which is characterised by European lines for jumping and dressage underpinned by the French and British Thoroughbred to give enough scope and “blood” to gallop to the top of the leader board. Be Touchable has been ridden by international British rider Izzy Taylor since June 2015 and is owned by the Dodd family who originally bought him aged rising four from sport-horse producer Liz Sutcliffe. Sophie Dodd spotted him at Liz’s yard and was transfixed by the young horse’s power and stride length particularly over colour poles and that point the horse had never been to a competition. Suffice to say a sale was made and Be Touchable went home with Sophie and was trained by renowned British trainer Susie Gibson.

CONTINUED TO RISE

The pair climbed through the lower levels with ease and competed in U18 English teams, with good placings, wins and learning much along the way. Unfortunately, Sophie had a cross country schooling accident which put her on the side-lines and she needed to concentrate on her education and university loomed so after jumping around her first Intermediate she had the reins over to stylish rider Izzy Taylor in 2015 and the horse has continued to rise through the

ranks with two fantastic scores at Hartpury International Horse Trials 2nd place in the CIC 3* and an emphatic win, leading from the very start at Millstreet CIC3* 2016. Izzy really rates the horse. Praise in deed from a rider with plenty of horsepower. “I think Be Touchable is a true competitive championship horse and one that will get on to a podium. He has three exceptional phases without weakness and his stride length is enormous. The bigger the track, the more he thrives. He will be kept at three-star level to develop his experience of the “big time competitions” and once that is established he will be a formidable four-star horse”

JUMPING ROOTS

Be Touchable is from “Jumping” stock. True KWPN lines that perhaps would entice you to consider his career should be show jumping or “Jumping” as it is

officially known by the FEI. This would perhaps be compounded by the fact in his five-year career as an eventer he as only touched nine poles. But where has the galloping and stamina come from? Where can we find the cadence to produce class winning dressage scores. Let’s explore Be Touchable’s breeding.

THE SIRE

Untouchable blends the best bloodlines from Selle Français, KWPN and Holstein. Untouchable is by the French top sire Hors La Loi II, grand sire is Heartbreaker who proved his strong performance skills at an early age on the international show jumping circuit. In Untouchable’s dam line, 18a2 from Holstein, you find superb breeding stallions like Clinton (by Corrado I) and Chambertin. Untouchable has competed successfully in international classes

with placings in the prestigious Global Champions Tour among many other successful tournaments.

THE DAM

The dam Ureka is by Indoctro, sadly the mare only produced Be Touchable but she did jump successfully herself to 1.30 level. Her sire Indoctro belongs to the world’s best sires: his offspring achieve successes at the highest level.

Looking at both lines it is easy to discover the British and French Thoroughbred not too far away that has created perhaps the ultimate eventing horse in the KWPN Be Touchable. Jacquie Dodd said “he is a superb competitor and loves an atmosphere and can be a cheeky character because he knows he is good”. As for his continued success. we have to wait and see but I have a feeling we won’t have to wait too long. ■

