

Wootton Bassett

An unbeaten 2YO champion in France, Wootton Bassett has the makings of a champion stallion. He stood his first five seasons at fees between €4,000 and €6,000, and none of his racing-age offspring was sired at a fee higher than €40,000. It also mustn't be forgotten that all but one of his crops of racing age numbered fewer than 100 foals, with his first two crops containing only 24 and 18 foals. Nevertheless, he has succeeded in siring nine top-notch Gr.1 winners. Five members of his final French crop became Group winners at two in 2023, when four of his juvenile sons either won or placed at Gr.1 level, including Gr.1 winners Buchanero Fuerte and Unquestionably and Gr.2 Coventry Stakes winner River Tiber. Consequently, his first Irish yearlings, sired at €100,000, averaged more than 300,000gns in Europe.