

BREED: Charolais

NAME OF THE VISIT: Charolais beef cattle farm tour

DATE OF THE VISIT: 03/10/2024

ADDRESS: Fins, 03210 CHATILLON

GAEC CANTE

In 1998, Jean Pierre took on the family farm. In 2017, Valentin joined his father, creating GAEC Cante (2 full-time staff).

Jean Pierre has performance tested since the early 2000's. He began registering his entire herd with the HBC in 2010. Passionate as he is about the Charolais, registration with the Herd-Book was the natural way of continuing the work he had started. "Since Valentin joined me on the farm, now a GAEC, we've been able to pursue our genetic improvement work, show our animal at competitions and sell young bulls as breeding stock."

Farm management

190 hectares of farmland, including 30 hectares of crops used to feed the herd.

- Cattle unit: 95 Charolais calves
- Poultry unit: 1 building of 150 m2 for meat poultry
- Wild game unit: breeding & rearing wild boar, sold at 25 to 50 kg liveweight.



3rd Prize ensemble 2023 National Championships



Section winner 2023 Sommet de l'Elevage

Toscane: 18-month-old heifer

"The Charolais breed is an obvious choice for us. Its strength lies in its excellent growth potential, doing well off grass and rough grazing, coupled with its hardiness that allows it to adapt to all types of climates."

Sales

- 100% of sales by FEDER cooperative
- Sales of 20 – 25 young bulls as breeding stock per year
- Cull cows finished on the farm to reach 500 kg deadweight

The Sommet de l'élevage is the opportunity for us to highlight our genetics and make valuable contacts.