

→ The Diepenhoek Rozelle cow family

Transmitting giants

The former #1 GTPI cow in Europe, the current #1 calf in Europe, the topseller of the Drakkar Sale, the current #2 GTPI heifer in Europe - they all have one thing in common: they are from the Diepenhoek Rozelle cow family! With their roots starting in Canada and developed in France, the cow family came to bloom in the Netherlands and now the Rozelles have spread their high genomics, strong type and great bloodlines all over the world.

If you want to know what the purchase of a special calf can do for your dairy business, ask Martien and Marianne Adriaans from the Netherlands. In 1998, the Diepenhoek breeders bought Broeks Rozelle at an auction. Rozelle was a daughter from Dutch longevity specialist Newhouse Ronald (Aerostar x Secret). But the main reason for the purchase was the tremendously strong cow family behind Rozelle. Her mother is Gazelle EX-91 (s. Southwind), the French National Champion of 1994 and the full sister to the top French sire, Gibbon, who has been very influential and can still be found in many important pedigrees. 'I saw offspring from Gazelle and thought she was a super cow', Martien remembers. 'I wanted to have cows from that family in our barn.' It succeeded. At Diepenhoek about 60% of all cows are named Rozelle, as Martien and Marianne already welcomed number Rozelle 109. 'It has been part luck, of course. We bought many more animals from good families, but none of them turned out to be so complete as our Rozelles.'

Exceptional Rozelle

At the Diepenhoek farm, Broeks Rozelle was an exceptional cow in the herd. She scored VG-89 for total conformation, with an excellent frame and she scored 89 for her super udder. She also excelled in the milking parlour. As a first calver she produced 10.751 kilo milk in 305 days with 4.3% fat and 3.4% protein. That production was enough to score 33% above herd average.

But her best achievement was her breeding power. Rozelle transmitted her qualities to her seven daughters who all scored VG-85 or better. One of them was Diepenhoek Rozelle 4, a typical Jes-

ther daughter with a steaming milk production. She scored VG-87 and accomplished a first list with 11.360 kg milk! Next to a VG-89 Blauer daughter (who participated on the Dutch National Show) she had three Shottle daughters (all scored VG-87) of which Diepenhoek Rozelle 25 was the most prominent. 'With Rozelle 25 the story of high genomics and popular bull dams starts.'

It was the time that genomics came into the picture and from the full sisters, Rozelle 25 was the highest scoring. In the European 'Shottle ranking' she belonged to the very best and therefore Rozelle 25 became a very popular bull dam. She was flushed over 20 times and in the meantime she easily produced 10.745 kilo

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milk (in 305 days) with 4.0% fat and 3.4% protein. 'Her in-between calving interval was 1300 days', mentions Martien. She scored VG-87 for type and 89 for udder. At the local winter show in Asten Heusden in 2009 she became the reserve champion young cow. 'Her udder is awesome', Martien states. 'But that is typical of the Rozelles, they all have excellent udders.'

Different blood with Sandy

Rozelle 25 was most of all respected for her breeding power. Since the high genomic test of Rozelle 25 all her offspring have been tested with impressive results. She has three special daughters that passed on the legacy. Rozelle 32 (s. Active), Rozelle 38 (s. Jeeves) and Rozelle 36 (s. Sandy). If we ask Martien which of the maternal sisters is the most influential in the Diepenhoek herd he answers: Rozelle 36. Sired by the different sire Sandy-Valley Talent, in short: Sandy (Ford x Rudolph). His qualities got appreci-

Owain Harries, sire analyst of Cogent: "When I think of the Rozelle family, I think consistency. Consistently medium size, functional cattle with width throughout. When I first came across the Iola, she was exactly this and this gave me the confidence that the line was continuing to breed true. At the time she was a high ranking genomic heifer in Europe, and whilst the rankings will always change, I liked the breakdown of the numbers and coupled with it being a good heifer I knew it was going to be a marketable pedigree.

The mating to Chevrolet was an early mating so it was obviously of interest to us, as it was to many other studs. We decided it was worth the risk of purchasing the first choice bull before they were born, a risk that seems to have paid off. What I liked especially about the mating was that it combined 2 great families with strength on both sides of the pedigree.

Buick came through true to what I expected from the family, with the added bonus of having positive components which is important in the UK index, and also combined high milk with exceptional fertility."



DG Buick



Diepenhoek Rozelle 54
One of the transmitting giants of the Rozelle family



Diepenhoek Rozelle 56
Different pedigree: Iota x Sandy



Progeny group of Diepenhoek Rozello
Sunrise son of Rozelle 25

ated at a later stage. 'Rozelle 36 was his highest tested daughter worldwide. Although she was born in 2009, she still scores +2118 TPI.' Unfortunately Martien lost her after an IVF session. 'But she left us extremely high testing daughters and grand daughters.' He mentions the just fresh Iota daughter Rozelle 56 VG-86, a fantastic VG-87 Mogul and a Massey daughter calving soon. 'All of them are in the top genomics ranking for their sire.' A lucky coincidence is that Rozelle 36 puts in the advantage of a slightly different pedigree, that makes her daughters even more interesting. This branch of the family also delivered the brand new #1 GTPI calf in Europe: Diepenhoek Rozelle 104 with GTPI +2732! She is a rare daughter of RH Superman from the Mogul-daughter Diepenhoek Rozelle 65 VG-87-NL 2yr., which also delivered the recent Vente Drakkar 2015 Topseller, DKR Rosebury (s. Kingboy). 18 years after the purchase of Broeks Rozelle the family is still full in the picture. 'We are extremely glad with that', say Martien and Marianne modestly.

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The Rozelle 54 chapter

Her Jeeves sister, Rozelle 38 also was well known, but she was a poor flusher. 'We have very little left from her', says Martien and makes an exception for Iota daughter Diepenhoek Rozelle 54. In 2012, she was the number 1 GTPI calf worldwide with a daughter proven sire stack. At the age of three months, Diamond Genetics and Hul-Stein purchased Diepenhoek Rozelle 54 and then sold her in the Holland Masters Sale to the Meppelink family in Dalen. As a maiden heifer Rozelle 54's 1st choice Chevrolet son sold in the Online Elite Bull Sale for EUR 35.000, with Cogent as the winning bidder. The resulting bull, DG Buick, was exceptional as he is one of the top bulls on the Cogent bull maps - a Top 10 GTPI Chevrolet son worldwide with GTPI +2461. Rozelle 54's female progeny continue the successful story, including Willsbro Supersire Rozelle who is the #2 GTPI heifer in Europe with GTPI +2655; DG Ruby who is the #1 GTPI Cashcoin daughter in Europe with GTPI +2496; and DG Rozalia with her outcross pedigree at GTPI +2576 - more about her later.

Bulls in the picture

As the Rozelles have been used so heavily as bull, it was just a matter of time before their sons entered the bull charts. In the Netherlands, Diepenhoek Rozello (s. Sunrise x Rozelle 25) displays the all-round qualities of the family. With good numbers for milk, protein, health and fertility, he naturally scores high on lifetime production. At the CRV Koe Expo (June 2015) Rozello made his debut with a progeny group and the young cows made a strong impression with tall and wide bodies, a lot of balance and the best udders a farmer can wish for. He is a bull that immediately adds more capacity and body depth into the cows, which is a typical trait in the Rozelle family. Eric Lievens from CRV adds that the Rozellos in this group had an average production of 9.400 kilo milk, with 3.95% fat and 3.56% protein. '16% above herd average and with a SCC of 42.000. Rozello was very popular as an InSire top bull thanks to his high milk yield in combination with a high protein percentage.'

Special Rozelles

A big fan of the Rozelle family is also Tjalke Albada from Hul-Stein, The Netherlands. 'The Rozelles are a very special family', Tjalke Albada from Hul-Stein mentions. 'It looks like everybody who has invested in this family was successful. They transmit great animals to work with and high genomics, a perfect combination'. Hul-Stein have owned and still own multiple Rozelles. One of their first investments was in Iota daughter Rozelle 54, who was described earlier in this article. 'One of the best calves we ever had is her Kingboy daughter, DG Rozalia. She is an incredible individual with a perfect allround index full of production, fitness and type and result in GTPI +2576, she has a differ-

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ent sire stack as a Kingboy x Iota x Jeeves which makes her very easy to mate to the current highest available sires! Another Rozelle has been purchased in the Eurogenes Online Heifer Sale recently and again a calf which makes us so happy to work with, Diepenhoek Rozelle 94, she is a Pure x Iota x Sandy with GTPI >2500 and ready to start to flush this winter! Again a Rozelle' Tjalke laughs. 'We only buy from the best cow families with a lot of prospect and yes, the Rozelles are always in the picture.'

