

# Silvermaple Damion Camomile

## → Combining Show Type and PTAT

As we've seen time and time again in our industry, legendary brood cows are not made overnight. It can take years of breeding and marketing a family before their impact is sometimes known. However, that hasn't been the path that Silvermaple Damion Camomile (EX-95 EEEEE) has taken. In a relatively short amount of time, she has established herself as not only a legend in the Holstein breed, but a tremendous brood cow with a stunning future before her. Though she passed in July 2016, her daughters have already proven they are a force to be reckoned with and aren't slowing down any time soon.

### Humble beginnings

With the intent of purchasing a 4-H heifer for his daughter Erin, Ben Cuthbert of Silvermaple Holsteins, Ladysmith, BC, attended the Stanhope Wedgwood Sale in November 2006 and purchased three heifers, a Gibson, a Dundee and a Goldwyn. The Goldwyn hailed from Kendu Triumphant Charity (EX-93-CAN 3\*), a well-known show cow in Western Canada. While her daughter Stanhope Camila Goldwyn (VG-87-9YR-CAN 1\*) was never a stylish heifer or cow, according to Cuthbert, her dam's show record more than made up for her lack of show ring presence. Camila was bred to Damion, a mating that would eventually put Silvermaple in the limelight.

Camomile sparked the interest of Stanhope Wedgwood at the 2010 Western Fall National after winning the Junior Two-Year-Old class and being named Reserve Intermediate Champion. After that day, Silvermaple and Stanhope Wedgwood became partners on Camomile and all ensuing offspring were owned jointly.

That same year, Kathleen O'Keefe, Marketing and Communications Manager, Butlerview Farms also recalls attending the Western Fall

National. "It was a good show with wonderful people, but the cow that stuck in my mind was an awfully good, if a bit green, Junior Two-Year-Old from British Columbia." That same fall, Camomile would make her first 2000-mile trip to Madison and stand fourth in an outstanding class of 39. In November, she would make the even further trip to Toronto, and those extra miles certainly paid off, with her standing atop the Junior Two-Year-Old class. With her impressive fall resume, Camomile was named both All-American and All-Canadian Junior Two-Year-Old.

While Camomile certainly turned heads her first year out, she made an even more impressive return to the ring the following season. With one tap from Judge Gerald Coughlin on the colored shavings in 2011, Camomile soon became a household name. In class, she was praised for her overall power and width of chest, and extreme dairyness, traits that excelled her not only to the ranks of Intermediate Champion, but eventually Reserve Grand Champion of the International Holstein Show. For her breeder, Camomile's win as Best Bred & Owned at Madison was a true honor. "Looking back, it is really hard to top the day we had at Madison," Cuthbert said.

A few weeks later, she would repeat her winning ways north of the border, being selected as Intermediate Champion in Toronto. Her season would be capped off with repeat All-American and All-Canadian titles.

### Making the move south

After an incredibly impressive 2011 show season, Camomile made the return to the show ring at the British Columbia Spring Show, winning the four-year-old class and being selected as Grand Champion. That spring, Jeff Butler approached her owners about consigning Camomile to the 2012 International Intrigue. "There was a lot of discussion



Lineup for Intermediate Champion, International Holstein Show 2011  
Silvermaple Damion Camomile was tapped for Intermediate Champion

(left to right) Rosedale Lexington, Silvermaple Damion Camomile, Craigcrest Rubies Gold Rejoice and Garay Alexander Destiny



**Butlerview Doorman Cassy VG-87-2YR-USA**  
Doorman daughter of Camomile and No. 22 PTAT Cow in the U.S.



**Silvermaple Damion Camomile EX-95-USA**  
Brood cow extraordinaire



**Butlerview Doorman Class VG-88-2YR-USA**  
HM All-American Spring Calf and Res Jr All-American Spring Yearling  
Dam of the highest PTAT Camomile, MD-Maple-Lawn Caroline +3.96T

among the partners about the decision to sell,” commented Cuthbert. “It was a business decision in the end and a bit bittersweet, but you have to believe that you can do it again.”

Camomile was the second-high seller of the 2012 International Intrigue and sold to Butlerview Farms, Illinois. “She had an impressive show record already and had the makings of a tremendous brood cow,” commented Amber Price, Farm Manager, Butlerview.

## Amber Price, Butlerview

“We anticipated she would make high-type offspring that would do well in the show ring, but the fact that she has thrown such elite genomic type numbers exceeded our expectations!”

Once Camomile arrived at Butlerview, she took on her role as brood cow and retired from the show ring, but her excitement for the daily routine was still impressive.

“She had the strongest will of any cow we ever worked with. She was a go-getter and would run you over on the way to the milking stall,” noted Joe Price, Farm Manager, Butlerview.

## Brood cow extraordinaire

Camomile entered an intense flush program and soon had heifers on the ground by numerous type and genomic sires. And this is where Camomile’s story turns truly impressive. With nearly 100 registered progeny, and more to come, Camomile’s daughters are following in her legendary footsteps. She has had the unique ability to not only produce show-winning daughters like herself, but chart-topping genomic females as well.

## Ethan Heinzmann, Golden Oaks

“Camomile is a trusted matriarch and brings surefire type and loads of production to her offspring with a variety of sire crosses.”

Golden Oaks Farm, along with Nick Raggi, own Camomile’s highest classified daughter, Silvermaple Bolton Cameo (EX-94). She has two records over 36,000 pounds of milk and her two Meridian daughters each scored Very Good-88 as two-year-olds and outworked their peers far and away, according to Heinzmann. They have further invested in Camomile offspring with a milking Uno daughter and Atwood and Doorman heifers they are excited to develop.

Two impressive Doorman daughters are Butlerview Door Camilla (VG-89-2YR) and Butlerview Doorman Class (VG-88-2YR). Camilla was named Junior All-American Winter Heifer Calf in 2014 for Miles Price and followed that up with a Junior Champion title at the Western Spring National Show for then owners Triple Crown, Mitch Hockett and Josh Wright, Idaho. Camilla is now fresh and just scored VG-89 (max) and will show in Madison for new owners John Cunningham, Joe and Amber Price, Graisson Schmidt, Matthew Day, Tyler Dickert, Todd Vanmursbergen, Steven Nelson and Ben Sloan, Illinois.

Butlerview Doorman Class was HM All-American Spring Heifer Calf in 2014 for Mike, Matt and Mark Iager, Maryland. As a heifer, they were able to merchandise embryos from Class to Japan, Australia and Europe, with several Archival daughters testing extremely high for PTAT. One of those daughters is MD-Maple-Lawn Caroline-ET owned by Gus Rupp, Ohio, the No. 9 (tie) PTAT Heifer under 24 months of age in the U.S. at PTAT+3.96. The Iager brothers sold Class on the Crown Jewel Sale II in 2015 to Whitney and Jordan Ebert, Wisconsin, and she was named Reserve Junior All-American Spring Yearling later that fall. She is fresh for 2016 and recently scored Very Good-88.

Doorman has certainly proved to be one of the best matings on Camomile, with Butlerview Doorman Cassy-ET (VG-87) ranking at No. 22 on the PTAT Cow list at +3.52T. She is owned by Welcome Stock Farm, New York.

Another impressive mating has been to Windhammer, with Silvermaple Windham Camille-ET (EX-92 MAX 94-MS), named the Reserve All-American Senior Two-Year-Old and Intermediate Champion of the International Junior Holstein Show in 2015. She is owned by Christian Cunningham and Miles Price, Illinois, and is fresh for this fall. Wedgwood WH Camomile (VG-89-2YR-CAN) is her full sister and won the 2016 Vancouver Island Show for Westcoast Holsteins, British Columbia.





Ferme Blondin, Quebec, has also been successful with their investments in the Camomile family. “It was after she started to become a brood cow and have daughters genomically tested that really caught our interest,” commented Dann Brady, Sales and Marketing Manager, Ferme Blondin. They are currently working with Butlerview Uno Card (VG-88-2YR-CAN), who is +16 for Conformation in Canada. They also have three Beemer daughters scoring high on the PTAT charts with the beautiful style that Camomile has passed on to so many of her daughters.

Silvermaple is also working with numerous family members of Camomile, with two full sisters and six maternal sisters by Atlas, Sid, Defiant and Ceo. In total, they have 28 family members in the herd with 16 heifers due in the next seven months. They have also purchased a Beemer and Armani directly from Camomile and own an Atwood and Archival in partnership with other breeders.

“The recent success of her offspring have definitely brought the excitement back to us,” noted Cuthbert, “and we couldn’t be happier for the success the new owners have achieved with the animals we have marketed.”

## Final chapter

Fresh in February 2016, Camomile certainly was a draw at the Butlerview Dispersal in March. With so many daughters already making names for themselves, Camomile easily sold herself.

“Our brother Mike had the best idea, which was to bid on Camomile at the Butlerview Dispersal,” noted Dr. Matt Lager. The Lager brothers had already invested in several other Camomile daughters, so the decision was not a hard one for them.

After purchasing Camomile, she entered their flush program and did very well for them, exporting embryos to Canada with interest from

several other countries. With the success that her Doorman daughters have already seen, they concentrated her matings to him. “We also knew the calves that he produces are extremely balanced and the cows have great udders.”

Unfortunately, Camomile passed away in July 2016. “We were extremely disappointed but understand the cattle business and try to find the best in everything,” commented Lager.

## Matt Lager, MD-West-View

“We found the best in Camomile and were blessed to have had the opportunity to work with her.”

Camomile’s first choice by Doorman was sold on public auction this past summer at the International Intrigue Sale and the Lagers have several female Doorman embryos still available.

While Camomile herself is no longer here, her impact will be felt for years to come. Camomile’s daughters are an impressive group, even at a young age. They’ve inherited her beautiful style, dairy strength and impressive udder in her milking daughters, along with her incredible personality.

“We’re confident that her daughters will also throw high genomic type numbers and it’s only a matter of time before a high type bull emerges from the family,” noted O’Keefe, “which will allow the greater Holstein population access to her genetics.”

“We feel that it’s a great privilege to have worked with Camomile and now the succeeding generations,” commented Price. “It’s truly an honor to have been able to purchase some of her daughters and to work with this cow family that is making such a mark in the industry.”



# THE CAMOMILES

♀ **Kendu Triumphant Charity EX-93-CAN 3\***  
(s. Renaissance Triumphant)

♀ **Stanhope Camila Goldwyn VG-87-CAN 1\***  
(s. Braedale Goldwyn)

♀ **Silvermaple Damion Camomile EX-95-USA**  
(s. Erbacres Damion)



♀ **Butlerview Uno Card VG-88-2YR-CAN**  
(s. Amighetti Numero Uno)

♀ **Silvermaple Alexander Cassi EX-90-USA**  
(s. Golden-Oaks St Alexander)

♀ **Wedgwood Alexander Camomile VG-87-CAN**  
(s. Golden-Oaks St Alexander)



♀ **Butlerview Camile GC VG-86-2YR-USA**  
(s. Mr Chassity Gold Chip)

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♀ **Butlerview Beemer Cali PTAT+3.55**  
(s. Pol Butte Mc Beemer)

♀ **Butlerview Doorman Calet VG-85-CAN**  
(s. Val-Bisson Doorman)

♀ **Butlerview Door Cadalac PTAT+2.96**  
(s. Val-Bisson Doorman)

♀ **Butlerview Doorman Cosmo PTAT+3.30**  
(s. Val-Bisson Doorman)

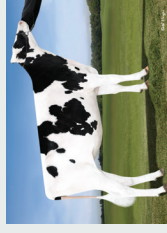
♀ **Butlerview Doorman Cassy VG-87-2YR**  
(s. Val-Bisson Doorman)



♀ **Airlift daughters at PTAT+3.61 and PTAT+3.69**

♀ **Butlerview Armani Coach**  
(s. Mr Apples Armani)

♀ **Rocca-DG Camani \*RC**  
(s. Mr Apples Armani \*RC)



♀ **Butlerview Doorman Class VG-88-2YR-USA**  
(s. Val-Bisson Doorman)

♀ **MD-Maple-Lawn Caroline PTAT+3.96**  
(s. Eclipse Atwood Archival)

♀ **Silvermaple Bolton Cameo EX-94-USA**  
(s. Sandy-Valley Bolton)

♀ **Silvermaple Braxton Calypso VG-88-3YR-CAN**  
(s. Regancrest S Braxton)

♀ **Ms Golden-Oaks M Calypso VG-88-USA**  
(s. Sully Hart Meridian)

♀ **Silvermaple Uno Corona VG-86-2YR**  
(s. Amighetti Numero Uno)

♀ **Butlerview Door Camilla VG-89-2YR**  
(s. Val-Bisson Doorman)

♀ **Silvermaple Windham Camille EX-92-USA**  
(s. Gillette Windhammer)

♀ **Wedgwood Wh Camomile VG-89-2YR-CAN**  
(s. Gillette Windhammer)

♀ **Silvermaple Atwood Cilantro VG-85-CAN**  
(s. Maple-Downs-I G W Atwood)

♀ **Wedgwood Atwood Camomile EX-91-USA**  
(s. Maple-Downs-I G W Atwood)

♀ **Milksource Doorman Carmen**  
(s. Val-Bisson Doorman)

Windham Camille and Door Camilla