

## Miss Spirit – leading race mare in Switzerland, Avenches 24th July 2017

*Miss Spirit demonstrates her class in the Swiss Oaks with an easy win and is actually the “Swiss Stayer Queen”. Already as a 3-year old she was the best Swiss filly in both classic races, the Swiss 1000 Guineas and the Prix de Diane, when finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> behind high value fillies from other European countries.*



**Oaks winner Miss Spirit ridden by Vaclav Janacek in the colours of Urs Aeschbacher. Foto and Copyright Christian Mettler**

In the Swiss Oaks in Avenches, Miss Spirit was challenged by the best stayer mares in Switzerland. In a field of 8 “Ladies” Miss Spirit was belonging to the favorites, coming with a fresh win three weeks ago in Frauenfeld and with the second highest handicap in the field. Most money was put by the betters on the two mares Vougeot (Special Kaldoun x Morvandelle) with a quote of 3,3:1 and Attique (Fairly Ransom x Gente au Loup) with a quote of 5.7:1.

Jockey Vaclav Janacek knew Miss Spirit from his successful rides on her two years ago in the Swiss 1000 Guineas and the Prix de Diane. After the start, he placed the mare on third position behind Attique on second position and the leading Superba (Sinndar x Sartissima) where he was waiting patiently on third position. 300 meters before the finish line, Vaclav Janacek was starting his finish and brought Miss Spirit quickly with 2 lengths in front of the field. At the finishing line Miss Spirit was winning easily in front of Ulanin (Lando x Ungarin) by ¼ of a lengths on second place and in front of Terra Honey (Look Honey x Taraterra) by 21/4 lengths on third place.

Her trainer Franziska Aeschbacher had confidence in Miss Spirit: “The mare was showing a rising form with her win in Frauenfeld one month ago. During the last 4 weeks we could preserve her top form and were hoping for a good race”.

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*Winning ceremony in the Oaks: from left: Owner Urs Aeschbacher, trainer Franziska Aeschbacher, work rider Xavier Grassini, Jockey Vaclav Janacek, Foto Turffotos.ch*