

WRIDENE STUD

Neille and Di Wrigley of Hekpoort in the then Transvaal established the Wridene Stud in 1989; the name apparently from WRI(gley)DI(anne)NE(ille) although the spelling of the registered name differs slightly.

They bought the mare Foresyte Cambrian Glain (Foresyte Valiant Cymro x Foresyte Valiant Gwynedd) on 1st August, 1989, and put her to Foresyte Bannut Boy (Bannut Larkspur x Belvoir Gazania), then owned by Onderstepoort, and bought the mare D’Leni Bannut Calico (Bannut Larkspur x Torbry Calypso) and put her to Ida Illingworth’s Foresyte Valiant Cymro (Valiant x Coed Coch Pala).

On 28th October, 1990, the first Wridene pony was foaled by Glain, Wridene Wild About Harry, a Section B Chestnut colt. A few weeks later, on 17th November, 1990, Wridene Cambrian Crushed Silk, a Section B Chestnut filly was foaled to Calico.

In an advert in October, 1991, Wridene Wild about Harry is advertised: “Parents are both National Champions. Outstanding foal to make top class Show Pony or potential Stud Stallion. Very good temperament. Looks to make 13 hands and more. Part-bred youngstock also for sale. Di and Neille”. Harry is transferred to a J H Swart in January 1993 and nothing further is known about him. There is no record of the part-bred youngstock mentioned in the ad.

The Wridene Stud, on 8th August, 1991, sold both the mares to the Falconers and after the advert above, it appears that the stud was discontinued, with the foals being morphed into the Dibynn Stud of Di Nicholson.

Wridene Cambrian Crushed Silk is recorded to have had three foals. She foaled two Dibynn progeny, Dibynn Antique Silk, a part-bred colt by Foresyte Fortune Hunter (Pendock Foresight x Foresyte Chivito’s Heidsich) in 1993 and Dibynn Rustling Silk, a part-bred filly by Bronwydd Flamboyant (Bannut Larkspur x Divine Streaker (TB)) in 1995. After she was sold to Mrs L Palmer, she had the foal Lemal Chantilly Lad, a Section B gelding by Foresyte Bannut Boy.

In 2001 at the Pretoria International Show, Wridene Cambrian Crushed Silk was 2nd in the Section B Mare 4 years+ as shown in the accompanying photograph. (*See also J2021 p114*)



Wridene Cambrian Crushed Silk at Pretoria Show 2001

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*If your butt hurts at the end of a ride, your stirrups are too long;
If your knees hurt, your stirrups are too short;
If everything hurts, they're just right*

I'd rather ride on a mustang, than in one

Whoever said that diamonds are a girl's best friend ... never owned a horse

When you feel like quitting, think about why you started

A great horse will change your life. The truly special ones define it

When the world stops making sense, the only place that feels like home is beside a horse