



POOS STADEL CLASSIC (STADEL X CAMERA)

Production proof: 5,730 daughters in 2,149 herds
(source: DairyCo breeding+, Interbull August 2009)

Kg M	% fat	% prot.	Kg fat	Kg prot.	PIN	PLI
+348	-0.05	+0.02	+9.0	+13.0	£20	£216

Longevity: **+561 days (exceptional)**

SCC: **5 (average)**

Calving ease: **104 (easy)**

Temperament: **109 (excellent)**

Milking speed: **102 (average)**

Type Merit: **+2.02**

Conformation traits

	88	100	112
frame	114		
dairy strength	112		
udder	113		
feet and legs	107		
total score	116		
stature	112		
chest width	102		
body depth	106		
angularity	108		
condition score	100		
rump angle	103		
rump width	104		
rear legs rear view	102		
rear legs side view	99		
foot angle	102		
locomotion	102		
fore udder attachment	110		
teat placement	105		
teat length	99		
udder depth	111		
rear udder height	108		
rear teat placement	108		
central ligament	105		

Incredible type

Classic daughters show tremendous type. Their frames and udders are outstanding, and feet and legs are also good. Classic daughters are tall, show a lot of body depth and angularity, and maintain body condition. Their toplines are very strong and they have some slope to the rump. Fore udders are glued to the abdomen and display a lot of height in the rear. Classic transmits incredible longevity and is suitable for use on maiden heifers. His daughters have lovely temperament in the milking parlour.

The Stadel son Classic descends from a family of show winners with high lifetime yields

Red – with real class

Poos Stadel Classic's career is clearly different from most other proven bulls. He did not start his career with an AI organisation, but was instead used by a small number of Dutch producers. And their confidence in the Stadel son turned out to be more than justifiable.

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Poos Stadel Classic's breeder Wiel Peeters showed him to three breeding organisations, but nobody wanted him. "His granddam Mina 167's breeding values weren't high enough," he explains. But, when you take a look at his pedigree, it is easy to understand why Classic's type and longevity breeding values are so good and why his daughters are so much appreciated throughout the world.

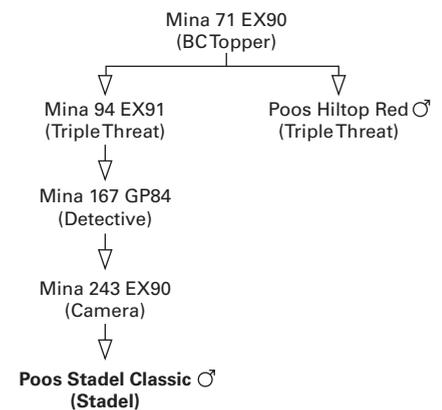
BC Topper daughter Mina 71 VG86 was born at the Peeters' family farm in 1979. She turned out to be a cow with exceptional breeding talents who really kicked into gear in later lactations. In her seventh lactation she produced almost 14,000kg of milk in 305 days. She was the first Dutch red Holstein cow to pass the milestone of producing 100 tonnes of milk.

Flushing success

Flushings with Triple Threat resulted in the proven Dutch AI bull Poos Hiltop Red and the daughters Mina 147 VG85, who achieved a lifetime production of 114,415kg of milk, and Mina 94, Classic's great granddam.

Like her dam, Mina 94 was a late-maturing cow that stood out in the Peeters' herd. In her sixth lactation she went EX91 and in nine lactations she produced 93,880kg of milk with 4.40% fat and 3.53% protein.

Mina 94's daughter by Newlands Detective RF, Mina 167 GP84-2yr, produced only one daughter, but what a daughter she was. This Mina 243 (daughter of Almerston Camera) classified VG85 as a two-year old and went EX90 in



her third lactation. And she became Champion at the first Dutch red Holstein show in 1985. Her highlight in the show ring was her representation of The Netherlands at the European show in Brussels.

Mina 243 also performed well in the milking parlour – her lifetime yield stands at 79,370kg of milk with 4.04% fat and 3.47% protein. Mina 243's VG87 Reynold Jano daughter recently exceeded the production milestone of 100,000kg of milk.

But Mina 243 is even more famous thanks to Classic, her last calf. Wiel chose Stadel due to his sky-high type figures. "Mina 243 showed a deep frame and high milk yield – exactly the areas where Stadel needed some protection".

Dutch producer Arjan Verkuylen bought the Stadel son from the Peeters family. He decided to freeze some straws of Classic semen, which were used by 50 local producers. "And as soon as the first calves were born, they all came back for more straws," says Arjan.



Geoff Williams' Classic daughter Penrikka Classic Cinderella VG88



Ian Milne's Classic daughter Carcary Classic Nightingale VG85

Classic daughters perform in the parlour – and the show ring

Herefordshire-based producer Geoff Williams is thrilled with the two Classic daughters that he's milking in his herd at the moment. His attention was first drawn to the bull after he saw a photo of a line up of his daughters in a brochure. "My heifers are even better than those I saw in the picture. I wasn't disappointed – far from it."

Both heifers are currently giving around 43 litres of milk per day and one, Penrikka Classic Cinderella, was an instant show ring hit at the Llandefeilog dairy show, where she was crowned champion of champions. She also took the top spot in the junior heifer in milk class at the Welsh Dairy Show, before scooping the supreme heifer title.

Cinderella classified VG88 as a two-year-old in November and Penrikka Classic Lavender was classified VG85.

Cinderella calved at the end of July and so far she's produced 4,283 litres of milk at 3.90% fat and 3.14% protein. She's projected to produce more than 10,000 litres in her first 305-day lactation.

"Both heifers have oceans of power and a willingness to milk, as well as excellent feet and legs and udders. And I like that they also have a bit of the red factor in them," says Geoff.

He's two in-calf Classic daughters waiting to join the herd. "And they're looking good. I can't wait for them to calve as I suspect they'll be just as impressive, if not more so, than the two heifers I have milking at the moment.

"It would be a joy to milk an entire herd of daughters like these."

Little wonder then that Geoff has recently purchased some more Classic semen – and that he's almost used it all already.

"I'm about to order some more. And I'd recommend that other producers do the same."

Ian Milne is another satisfied customer. He has 30 Classic heifers at his Angus-based unit at the moment and 12 are already milking.

"They're good, sound, honest cattle and, if their first lactation and type is anything to go by, I'll be milking them for many years to come," he says.

"Their type is certainly robust and they're very easy to manage, with their quiet temperament.

"Milk production isn't too extreme either – my 12 heifers averaged a first-lactation yield of around 9,500 litres," Ian Milne says.

"And type wise they're a constituent, uniform bunch. They're all good looking heifers."

When the first Classic daughters started milking, rumours really started to circulate.

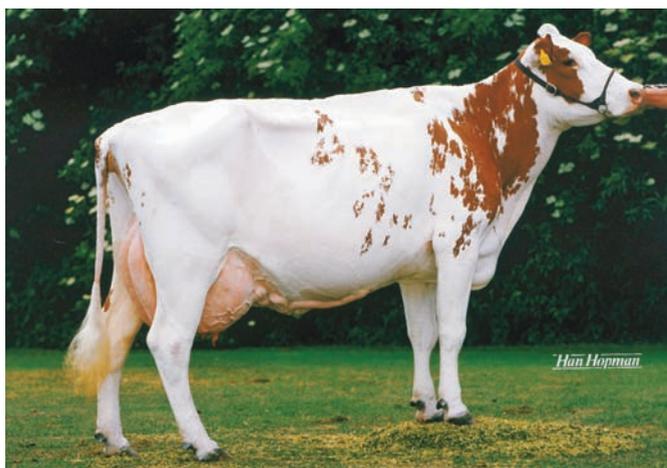
CRV showed interest in Classic and came to an agreement with the Van Ranst

family, which owned Classic by then. Poos Stadel Classic was warmly welcomed by many new users, even by black-and-white breeders.

And he did not disappoint his fans.

On the contrary, based on thousands of Dutch and Flemish daughters, he confirmed his sky-high type proof of the first hour and continues to impress, both in the parlour and the show ring. |

Mina 243 EX90, daughter of Camera and dam of Classic, with a lifetime yield of 79,370kg of milk



Liza 397 EX91, one of Classic's best Dutch daughters. She claimed the junior red-and-white title at the All-Holland Dairy Show in 2006

