

# Rio Grande

**Registration #:** 31-04009-86

**Height:** 17.1 HH

**Breeder:** Horst Schirmmacher,  
Hemmoor, Germany

**Birthdate:** 01/09/1986

**Color & Markings:** bay, blaze, 4  
socks

**Standing at:** W. Charlot Farms Ltd  
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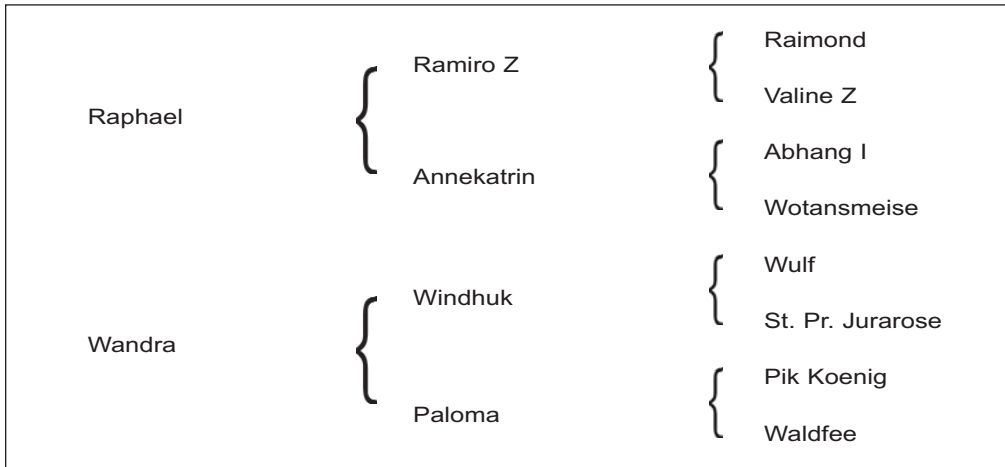


**Owner of Record:** Augustin G. Walch

**EVA Status:** Negative

**Breeder's Terms:** \$1,000 frozen  
semen

**Performance Record:** Rio Grande was the winner of his stallion performance test achieving very high scores in both the riding and jumping phase of the test. He was an international show jumper, representing Team Canada on several occasions. Rio was part of Team Canada that won the 1996 Nations Cup at the Meadowlands in NJ and the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto. He was shown successfully at the Grand Prix level of jumping for many years both in Canada and the US and qualified to represent team Canada at the 1996 Olympics. In 2005, Rio Grande was the leading living sire of hunters as per USEF ranking.



**Breeding/Progeny Record:** Rio Grande's own versatility, athleticism and outstanding temperament are mirrored in his offspring's multi-faceted success. Rio has produced numerous premium mares, approved breeding stallions, successful eventing and dressage horses.

Most notably, Rio Grande is the sire of many of the top Hunters currently competing in the US, such as Rio Renoir, Rave, Rio's Echo, Due North, Rio's Splash, Eye Remember Rio, Rio Bravo, and 2002 AHSA Horse of the Year Rio Bronco. The outstanding results of Rio Grande offspring in the hunter ring have put Rio in the top 10 of the USEF ranking for hunter sires for each of the past five years.

Several of Rio's older offspring are now competing very successfully at the Open level of Show Jumping. The Hanoverian mare, Rio's Rhapsody, has won major Grand Prix competitions in Florida and Canada. Catwalk was the winner of two World Cup Qualifiers in 2007.

To quote the editorial of the February 2005 issue of Horse Sport: "The success of his offspring have put Rio Grande at the forefront of Sport Horse Stallions in North America".

Rio Grande is one of the few stallions who truly puts a stamp on his offspring. He is known to pass on his good looks, extraordinary athletic abilities and wonderful disposition.

Rio Grande passed away in 2007. Excellent quality frozen semen is available and stored in both the US and Canada.