

Mangalarga Marchador Bloodlines

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There are three different segments of breeding lines in the MM breed:

- I. Old ones or foundation lines -- These are lines that started during the XVIIIth century in the South of Minas Gerais state, mainly at Cruzilia region.
- II. Traditional lines, which were born from the foundation lines
- III. Extinguished lines

FOUNDATION LINES

Favacho

The starting point is the **Favacho**, whose chapel was erected at 1761 near the farm house and still is there. João Francisco Junqueira Filho and his son José Frausino Junqueira (born in 1805) are considered the first milestones of this breeding masterpiece.



Favacho Farol (Favacho Radical x Favacho Rassunda)

Historical horses: Plutão, Canadá, Duque, Calçado, Manco, Trovão, Montenegro, Fla-Flu, Jambo, Gesso, Calçado, Albatroz, Armistício and Candidato. More recently: Farol, Radical, Quociente and Estanho.

Favacho horses are excellent on Marcha Batida (more diagonal movements), but their morphology is not refined although very expressive. They remind us of the old Sorraia and old Alter stallions that fixed the first genes during the XVIIIth century. Most frequent colors: dun, chestnut, bay, and grey.

Campo Alegre:

This is the bloodline founded by Mr. Gabriel Francisco Junqueira, the Baron of Alfenas, considered founder of the MM breed in 1812. Today this genetic pool is extinguished, but several of his descendents started new farms in Minas Gerais state, including his son Francisco Gabriel Junqueira (nickname 'Chiquinho do Cafundó'), great-grandfather of **Tabatinga's** breeders.

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Traituba

The farmhouse was built in 1831 to receive Dom Pedro I, Emperor of Brazil, who never confirmed this invitation. José Frausino Fortes Junqueira, born at the near Favacho farm founded the bloodline. The horses born at Traituba are quite similar to Favacho, but still more refined at neck and head. Most frequent colors: chestnut, bay, grey and dun.

Influential stallions: Pégaso, Canário, Glicério, Armistício, Rádio, Rádio II, Bibelô, Beduíno, Candidato, Sátiro, Aviso.



Traituba Farm House

Narciso:

This farm belonged to one of Baron of Alfenas sons: Mr. Antonio Gabriel Junqueira. The bloodline was extinguished during the XXth century, but the farm and the house are still there at Cruzilia (MG). The present-day herd doesn't present the same foundation genes. Most of all farms near Cruzilia region were benefited from Narciso's stallions, like: Abismo, Trovador, Pretinho. Abismo is considered the old father of all MM actual herds, in order to be the foundation tree of breed-chiefs like Bellini JB and Angahy Caxias I.

Narciso's horses were excellent on Marcha Batida and presented good refinement.

Campo Lindo – JB:

Mr. João Braúlio Fortes Junqueira, grandson of Mr. João Francisco Junqueira Filho (founder of Favacho), built the farmhouse in 1870. He was an excellent horseman and his horses showed great movement, beautiful head/neck and smooth gait – Marcha Batida.

His grandson – Mr. José Braúlio Junqueira de Andrade was one of the founders of the MM Association in 1949, but never registered his horses at this organization. He continued to keep his registration papers at Mangalarga Association in São Paulo City, founded in 1934. His son, Mr. Urbano Junqueira de Andrade, sold to Mangalarga Marchador breeders during more than 40 years, only started to register his herd at MM in 1989.

Foundation stallions: The Money, Bellini, Farol, Rio Negro, Clemenceau I e II, Ouro Preto, V-8, Sargento, Diamante, Joazeiro, Raro, Sincero, Beijo Velho, Quartel, JK and Tostão.

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Bellini JB (The Money x Dourada), considered one of the founders of the whole breed



Sincero JB (Neon x Jogatina) and Mr. Urbano Junqueira de Andrade. Photo in 1961

Today, in Brazil, the 'Campo Lindo – JB' bloodline is the leader in terms of top ranking of stallions, market prices and number of stallions being used in MM farms during breeding programs. They present an excellent/expressive morphology, nice and smooth gait – Marcha Batida, but their registration papers can be confusing for a young breeder because they hide the true parents.

Most frequent colors: chestnut, bay, pinto ('pampa' or 'tobiano') (NOT GREY)

Angahy:

The farm is located between Campo Lindo and Favacho land, and the founder was Mr. Christiano dos Reis Meirelles, who died in 1944.

The herd shows a nice gait in Marcha Batida, good bones and a not very well refined head. This bloodline is considered an example of good foundation mares with significant historic stallions in terms of MM evolution.

Most influential stallions: Caxias I and II, Bônus I and II, Mozart, Mineiro, Miron, son of Traituba Sátiro, largely used at Angahy, plus Salmon, Veto and Yankee. First stallion registration document in 1950 came from Angahy Primeiro ('the first'). Recent stallions are influenced by genes from JB and several Mangalarga herds

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Angahy Primeiro (Mineiro x Listra), the first ever stallion registered at MM Association in Belo Horizonte (MG).

Engenho de Serra – started with Mr. Severino Eugênio de Andrade during the second half of XIXth century. Excellent animals in gait and morphology. Now extinct.

Historic stallions: Baluarte, Bismark, Seta Caxias, Torpedo.



Seta Caxias, born as Abismo do Engenho de Serra, sire of **Herdade Cadillac**. Great National Champion – 1944

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TRADITIONAL LINES

Abaíba:

This line started with Mr. Erico Ribeiro Junqueira at Leopoldina city (MG). It is the bloodline that typifies elegance and beauty especially in the head and neck. They often resemble Arabian horses in their look. Pure Abaiba is not always known for their gait; in fact, they have a very poor comfortable Marcha Batida. They are great endurance horses.



Most frequent colors: grey
Abaiba Remo (Providencia Itu x Abaiba Jurema) – Great National Champion at 1977.

Bela Cruz:

The breeding farm started with Prudente dos Reis Meirelles and commanded by Mr. Argentino dos Reis Meirelles during the second half of XXth century.

They are medium size horses, not well refined head, big eyes, excellent gait Marcha Batida.
Most frequent colors: grey



Farrapo Bela Cruz (Angahy Miron x Revista Bela Cruz) – Great National Champion in 1982 – Morphology and Gait

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c) Ara :

It began with Mr. José Ferreira Leite and overseen by his son Francisco Walder Ferreira. Located between Favacho and Traituba farms. They have a refined expression, excellent gait Marcha Batida, medium to short size.

Most frequent colors are bay and grey.



Ara Terremoto (Ara Papel x Ara Valsa)

Catuni :

The farm was founded by Mr. Casemiro Collares at Montes Claros (MG). Foundation stallions: Favacho Pedra Estanho, Catuni Quo Vadis, Catuni Japão.

Medium size horses, gaits varying from Marcha Batida and Marcha Picada. They have a very good expression. Most frequent colors: black, grey and chestnut

Gironda :

Mr. Julio Avelino de Oliveira at Vassouras (RJ) based his breeding program on JB, Favacho and Herdade lines. These horses specialize as cow horses and are tested daily by their work with dairy and beef cattle. Beautiful heads, small to medium size and a center Marcha Batida gait.

Most frequent colors: dun, bay, and grey

Historic stallions: Trevo, Atrevido, Álamo, Baluarte, Apolo.

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Mr. Julio Avelino de Oliveira and Trevo da Gironda . Photo taken in 1966

Herdade :

Began by Mr. José de Andrade Reis at Simão Pereira (MG).. Herdade horses possess excellent and smooth gaits. Today they are more close to a center marcha. Well balanced in terms of morphology.

Historic stallions: Cadillac, Jupiá, Capricho, Prateado, Cobalto, Cosmos, Cobre.

Most frequent colors: chestnut, bay, and grey



Herdade Cadillac (1958-1989) by Seta Caxias x Herdade Alteza

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Passa Tempo :

The farm started with Mr. Francisco Theodoro de Andrade at Passa Tempo city, in early XIXth century. Animals are medium size, not strong bones, super-refined heads, mostly with Marcha Picada. This bloodline is in a process of being extinguished.

Most frequent colors: black, bay, chestnut and pinto (‘pampa’ or tobiano).



Rio Verde – grandfather of Zinabre de Passa Tempo. Born in 1926. Died in 1959

Tabatinga

The farm began with Mr. Severino Junqueira de Andrade, who brought from his father’s farm at South of Minas Gerais old mares with blood from Baron of Alfenas’ herd. The typical horse breed at Tabatinga farms is strong with solid bones, refined head and good on gallop and working with cattle, but its Marcha Batida gait can be poor.

Most frequent colors: bay, dun and grey.



Tabatinga Predileto (Tabatinga Nero x Tabatinga Cachoeira II) – born in 1958

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An older bloodline started by Mr. José Frauzino Fortes Junqueira (nickname 'Zezé do Agudo') in 1902, at Morro Agudo city, São Paulo state. He got married with a daughter of Mr. João Braúlio Fortes Junqueira (Campo Lindo - JB) and moved to São Paulo state in search of new areas to plant and harvest. He also took a group of mares with him from JB line. '53' was the number of her wife at the high school.

His sons and grandsons founded the Mangalarga association in São Paulo city in 1934 and several years later they moved to Mangalarga Marchador association in Belo Horizonte city. Registration papers are not always perfect.

Good gaits Marcha Batida with strong cow sense, hot to handle, reflecting old infusion of thoroughbred and Mangalarga bloods (Marchador crossed with Thoroughbred, Saddlebred and Arab blood).

Most frequent colors: chestnut, bay and black.



Botafogo 53 (Óder 53 x Japoneza 53) – Great National Champion in 1936