

**Jonelle Price, 43**  
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New Zealand Olympic rider Jonelle Price (43) is bringing her 2022 Pau CCI5\* winner Grappa Nera to Defender Burghley this year.

Jonelle and her husband Tim – who has two rides at Burghley 2024 – are based at Chedington in Dorset. They both represented New Zealand at the Paris Olympics this summer.

Jonelle's best Burghley placing to date was her third in 2016 aboard Classic Moet, on whom she won Badminton in 2018. Jonelle has three CCI5\* victories to her name so far – Badminton 2018, Luhmühlen 2018 and Pau 2022. Jonelle represented New Zealand at the 2012 Olympics in London, winning a team bronze medal. She was also part of her nation's team for the Rio, Tokyo and Paris Olympics and for the past three World Championships, winning team bronze at Pratoni in 2022.

Jonelle hails from Nelson in the South Island of New Zealand and is the youngest of four from a non-horsey family – her father was a butcher. Her 'bizarre passion for horses' is something of a mystery and was fired when she made a friend who had horses. After school Jonelle went to study law at Canterbury University, and completed the first year before giving up to pursue her dream of eventing at the highest level.

She trains with dressage rider and judge Isobel Wessels and Spain's Luis Alvarez. Jonelle enjoys cooking and off the beaten track holidays and watching the All Blacks play rugby. She and husband Tim began dating in 2001 and came to the UK together to prepare for the 2004 Olympic Games. They relocated to the UK in 2005 and married in New Zealand in 2013; they have a son, Otis and a daughter, Abel.

**Grappa Nera** (Karandasj-Cetonette (Babalouba)) is a black 13-year-old KWPN mare owned by Jonelle Price and the Grape Syndicate. She was initially produced by Alex Postolowsky, and Jonelle took on the ride in 2018. The pair finished second in the CCI4\*-L at Strzegom in Poland in 2020 and completed Defender Kentucky CCI5\* in 2021 before winning Pau CCI5\* in 2022. Jonelle and Grappa Nera were sixth at Badminton this spring and second on their most recent international outing, the CCI4\*-S at Maarsbergen in The Netherlands, in June.