

Luc Château, 40
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It will be a second Burghley for French rider Luc Château (40) who is based in Cour-Cheverny (70km east of Tours), and Viens Du Mont. They retired across country last year, but have completed Badminton twice, taking 11th place in 2023, and finished ninth at Pau CCI5* in 2022.

Since 2016 Luc and his wife Caroline, a graduate instructor from the national school at Saumur, have run the riding club and school Haras des Chateaux in Cour-Cheverny, where they also breed horses. The couple have two young children, aged five and eight.

Luc was part of the French squad at the 2021 European Championships in Avenches, Switzerland, where he finished 12th individually on Troubadour Camphoux, with whom he scored his best CCI5* result to date – fourth – at Luhmühlen earlier that year. Luc took fifth place aboard Bastia De L'Ebat in the CCI4*-L at Boekelo in 2023.

Viens Du Mont (Norway De La Lande-Kaline Du Mont (Kings Road)) is a 15-year-old Selle Français gelding. He has been produced through the grades to CCI5 by Luc and is owned by EARL Haras des Chateaux.