## Tim Price, 45 NZL

British-based New Zealand rider Tim Price (45) won Defender Burghley in 2018, riding Ringwood Sky Boy, and finished fifth in 2019 on Bango. In 2023 he was third on Vitali and 17<sup>th</sup> on Bango, and in 2023 he was fourth on Vitali, having led the dressage with a record-breaking score of 18.7.

This year he rides Vitali again and Viscount Viktor.

Tim is based at Chedington, Dorset where he runs a competition yard with his wife Jonelle. He is a former world number one, and at the 2022 World Championships he won both team and individual bronze medals.

Tim grew up on a farm in Oxford, North Canterbury, in the South Island of New Zealand. Surrounded by horses from an early age, it seemed natural that Tim would follow a career into horses. He showjumped to World Cup level before deciding that, as the majority of the horses he was working with were New Zealand thoroughbreds, they were naturally more suited to eventing.

Tim and Jonelle (nèe Richards) began dating in 2001and two years later with their advanced horses Desamoray and Mazetto came to the UK to prepare for Burghley, with the aim of competing at the 2004 Athens Olympics. In 2004 both horses went to Badminton and the pair relocated to the UK the following year. In 2014 Tim won his first CCI5\* at Luhmühlen on Wesko and. the pair was a member of the NZ team for the 2014 World Equestrian Games.

Tim and Jonelle married in New Zealand, in 2013 – they now have two children, Otis and Abel. Tim's brother Cam is CEO of Keyflow Horse Feeds and his brother Brad is a 'genuine cowboy in Australia'. Tim trains with British dressage rider and international judge Isobel Wessells and Spain's Luis Alvarez Cevera. Outside of eventing he loves travel, camping, skiing, golfing and dangerous sports.

**Vitali** (Contender-Noble Lady I (Heraldik)), owned by Joe and Alex Giannamore and Tim Price, is a 14-year-old German-bred gelding bred by Filemann Guenther. He was Tim's ride at the Tokyo Olympic Games, where the pair finished 24<sup>th</sup>. He was initially produced by New Zealander James Avery, with who he was sixth in the world young horse championships for six-year-old championships at Le Lion d'Angers. Tim took the ride in 2021 and the pair quickly won the CCI4\*-L at Strzegom. In 2022 Vitali finished third at Burghley, and in 2023 he was seventh at Badminton and fourth at Burghley. He was eighth at Badminton this spring, having led until the final showjumping. His favourite occupation is apparently rolling in mud.

**Viscount Viktor** (Viscount 22-Noble Beauty (Nobre) is a 10-year-old brown Hanoverian gelding bred by Ulrike Edel-Heidhues and owned by Tim Price, Glynn Norcutt and Ginny Rusher. Tim has ridden Viscount Viktor since the horse was a five-year-old, and the pair finished fifth in the British Intermediate Championships in 2022. In 2023 Viscount Viktor was fourth in his first CCI4\*-L at Kilguilkey and completed his first CCI5\* at Pau, France. He also completed Luhmühlen CCI5\* this year..