

Show report Hartpury International 2011
Denise Hallion

The excitement starts at this show as you drive into the Venue and there is a long line of Country Flags along the drive and it is such a warm feeling to see the South African Flag flying high.

I took both horses and entered Wervelwind in the Advanced Medium and Advanced classes. He was super and was placed in all the classes we competed in. His top score for the show was 69.5% which I was delighted with. We received wonderful comments from the Judges and I am excited about his future as a Grand Prix dressage horse.

Bomond was entered in the CDI 3*. I was pleased with the Grand Prix test, It was encouraging as we went up another .5% since the previous international. The good news was that we qualified for the Grand Prix Music. This was a gala evening and the stands at Hartpury were completely full, as I looked down at the entrance, people were queuing and buying tickets to get in. It was our first time in an indoor arena with huge crowds and an amazing atmosphere and I was not sure how Bomond would cope. As we trotted into the arena the place fell silent and you could hear a pin drop, the bell rang, the music started and we produced our best test yet. The crowds clapped and cheered at the end of our test and Bomond was perfectly behaved and felt very proud of himself. I was elated and on such a high, it is a fantastic feeling and we scored 64.5%. We came 8th and Bomond loved the prized giving, flashing his trot all the way around. What a great show and a wonderful experience.