



GAEC VAN-SIMMERTIER

LESPAROT

63420 SAINT ALYRE ES MONTAGNES



THE FARM

2 Full-time units of labour GAEC husband & wife

Total farmland: 170 HA

Mr et Mme VAN - SIMMERTIER have set up on the farm at Lesparot in the commune of Saint Alyre in the Puy De Dôme département at over 1100 metres above sea-level, they took on the farm on the first of January 2018, previously farmed by Dominique BAFOIL. They farm 170 hectares split into three sites 100 hectares at Lesparot, 60 ha at 17 km distance and ten ha at Ardes sur Couzes.

All the farmland is permanent pasture.

During winter, all cattle are housed in the same building, which makes feeding, handling & treating much easier.

Male stores are fed a supplement when turned out to grass, more for easing their adaptation to a grass-only ration than a real supplement bearing in mind the small amounts consumed.

THE HERD

80 breeding cows

3 Salers bulls

Twenty replacement heifers

at each age group

100 % pedigree,

Winter feeding:

Hay + wrapped silage,

Summer feeding:

Grazing paddocks,

Animal production in

2017,

Male stores are sold

at 380 kg liveweight

at 9-10 months.

Every year 5 to 10

heifers of each age

group are sold.

The majority of cull cows

are young, and they are

sold as suckler beef cows

to other farms.



SUCKLER COWS, BREEDER / REARER EXTENSIVE GRAZING SYSTEM

FARMERS' SELECTION OBJECTIVES:

The period of calving stretches from 15 November to 15 February, the advantage of this autumn-calving period for a farm at high altitude is to optimise spring grass growth to kick start the lactation and to rely less on calf creep feed.

The farmers agreed, when taking on the farm, to continue the selection work of Mr BAFOIL. The objectives are skeletal development and look to use big-framed animals. The future objective is to add a touch of finesse.

Bulls that have left their mark on the herd

- UNIVERS M. GANE's farm (Corrèze département)
- MICKEY 1 M. BESSON's farm (Cantal département)

	2016	2017	2018
Number of calvings	78	79	81
Number of calves born	81	81	82
Number of live calves	80	78	77
Rate of crossing (other breeds) %	0	0	0
Rate of mortality %	1.2	37	6
Average herd calving interval (days)	379		
Numerical productivity (per cow) %	102.5	98.7	93.9