

NADINE FRANCOIS TO VISIT THE HUNTER VALLEY

Belgium born Nadine Francois, has been based in Portugal for many years, studying with the classical dressage master Nuno Oliveira prior to his death in 1988.

Nadine has continued his legacy, and still has one of his old horses in her care. She owns a small stable in the town of Viana Alentejo east of Lisbon, where she trains dressage horses for Portugese and overseas clients and gives regular riding tuition. Nadine visits New Zealand and Australia on a yearly basis to give clinics and we now have the exciting opportunity to have Nadine in the Hunter Valley.

Originally starting a career in the veterinary field in Belgium, Nadine, has been a dressage and show jumping rider since the age of 10. She was introduced to Nuno Oliveira's classical dressage methods during one of his regular visits to Belgium. Fascinated by his teaching and his superior riding skills, she decided to re-locate to Portugal for several months every year to dedicate her time to learning with the Master. After a short while she stayed in Portugal permanently, choosing classical dressage as her new career and profession. After Nuno Oliveira's untimely death in Australia in 1988, she spent most of her time at his place assisting his family and his son Joao and caring for Nuno's horses.

Nadine caters for all level of riders and horses. She has an amazing, keen eye and understanding for the correct training of young horses as well as the position of the rider and how this influences the horse's performance. Combined with her knowledge of training and teaching, she exhibits a true passion and love for horses. Her lessons are clearly structured and she teaches with immense tact, combining extreme concentration with encouragement for the rider and horse. She is happy and capable of answering any questions a rider might have regarding the horse's training or the rider's training.

Most valuable of all, Nadine teaches in a way, which helps riders to understand why they are doing certain things and what works or does not work for a specific horse at the time, so they can go home after the clinic and apply their learnt knowledge on their own.

If you would like to attend Nadine's next Hunter Valley clinic, please contact Natalie on 041 111 3045 or natalie@equinmassage.com.au