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Equestrian Operations Manager | Stable Manager | Technical Director | International Coach

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SUMMARY

Francisco Javier Villanueva is an international equestrian professional with over 35 years of dedicated experience in stable management, horse training, coaching, and equestrian operations across Europe and Asia. Known for his practical, hands-on horsemanship and calm leadership style, Francisco combines technical expertise with strong organizational skills, placing horse welfare and team performance at the core of his operations. He is adept at working in multicultural environments, having managed elite competition yards in Spain and served over twelve years at one of the world's largest equestrian centers in China.

SKILLS

Luxury Stable Operations, Equestrian Centre Management, Horse Welfare, Stable Standards, Team Leadership, Staff Development, Riding Instruction, Coaching, Young Horse Production, Show Jumping, Endurance Horses, Carriage Driving, Combined Driving, Competition Preparation, International Horse Transport, Client Relations, VIP Relations, Event Production, Show Production

STRENGTHS

- 👤 **Calm and Practical Leadership**
Leads by example with a hands-on approach, fostering discipline, consistency, and open communication.
- ⚡ **Extensive Multicultural Experience**
Over a decade of experience managing diverse teams and operations in China, alongside extensive work in Europe.
- 🗡 **Comprehensive Horsemanship**
Deep expertise across multiple disciplines, including show jumping, combined driving, and young horse production.
- ⚙ **Operational Excellence**
Proven ability to manage large-scale facilities, including operations with over 500 horses, while maintaining luxury standards.

EXPERIENCE

- 🏠 **Coach & Team Manager** 12/2012 - 06/2025
Heilan International Equestrian Club China
A premier equestrian center in Jiangyin, China, with 500+ horses, offering elite training, riding education, and world-class performances.
 - Managed the daily operation of a riding division responsible for approximately 31 horses.
 - Led and supervised a team of 15-18 staff members.
 - Maintained horse welfare and stable standards.
 - Planned daily work schedules and delivered professional riding instruction.
 - Supervised equipment and riding attire.
 - Ensured excellent presentation of horses and facilities.
 - Designed and developed a large-scale equestrian performance show.
 - Prepared horses and riders for public performances.
 - Coordinated training programs and worked with international management teams.
 - Maintained operational discipline within a large-scale organization.[🌐 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heilan_Equestrian_Club](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heilan_Equestrian_Club)
- 🏠 **Technical Director & International Competition Driver** 2003 - 2008
International Competition Team Spain
A professional competitive setup dedicated to representing Spain at the highest levels of international combined driving and equestrian sports.
 - Managing international competition horses and stable operations.
 - Staff supervision and competition logistics.
 - Horse transport throughout Europe.
 - Horse conditioning and training programs.
 - Competition preparation and international travel planning.
- 🏠 **Technical Director** 1998 - 2003
Los Quemadales Stud Farm Spain
A Spanish stud farm focused on the breeding, training, and operational management of high-quality horses for competition and international equestrian programs.
 - Overall stable management and horse training.
 - Combined driving program management.
 - Competition preparation and staff leadership.
 - Ensuring horse welfare and facility standards.
 - International competition planning.
- 🏠 **Stable Manager & Combined Driving Coachman** 1993 - 1998
Dehesa Montenmedio Spain
A leading European equestrian venue in Spain, home to the Andalucía Sunshine Tour and world-class show jumping facilities.
 - Stable management and team supervision.
 - Competition horse preparation.
 - Carriage horse conditioning.
 - Ensuring horse welfare.
 - Managing daily stable operations.[🌐 https://www.sunshinetour.net/en/](https://www.sunshinetour.net/en/)



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STRENGTHS

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Event and Show Production

Skilled in designing and executing large-scale equestrian performances for public events and VIP clients.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

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Heilan Signature Performance

Designed and produced one of the signature equestrian performances at Heilan International Equestrian Club, preparing horses and riders for large public events.
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World Championship Representation

Represented Spain at the World Equestrian Games in Aachen and multiple World Championships in combined driving.
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International Podium Finishes

Achieved numerous national and international podium finishes, including FEI international competitions (CAI Saumur, CAI Donaueschingen, CAI Jerez).
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National Medals

Secured multiple Spanish Championship medals (Gold, Silver, and Bronze) and Andalusian Championships.
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Decade of Elite Management in Asia

Successfully managed an operational riding team of 15-18 staff and 31 horses at Heilan International Equestrian Club for over 12 years.

LANGUAGES

- English
- Spanish
- Mandarin Chinese

EXPERIENCE

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Stable Manager & Rider

Yeguada Saron

A stud farm based in Santander, Cantabria, dedicated to the breeding and early production of young sport horses, preparing them for future competitive careers.

- Breaking young horses.
 - Introducing horses to show jumping.
 - Stable management and daily horse care.
 - Staff supervision.

1990 - 1993

Santander, Spain
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Stable Manager & Rider

Yeguada El Espinar

An 80-hectare equestrian center near Madrid, specializing in young horse training, boarding, and exclusive events.

- Breaking young horses and jump training.
 - Stable management and horse conditioning.
 - Managing daily operations.

<https://www.yeguadaelespinar.es/>

1987 - 1990

Segovia, Spain
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Military Rider

Spanish Military Stud Farm (Yeguada Militar)

A prestigious state-run institution in Jerez, dedicated to breeding, training, and preserving purebred Spanish horses.

- Completed military service riding.
 - Producing and training young horses at the military stud farm.

1985 - 1987

Jerez, Spain

