



## SOUTHERN AFRICAN SHOW POULTRY ORGANISATION BREED STANDARDS

### ROUEN CLAIR



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<b>ORIGIN:</b>	France
<b>CLASSIFICATION:</b>	Heavy
<b>MASSES:</b>	
Drake:	3.40 to 4.10kg
Duck:	3.00 to 3.40kg

The origin of the name is not known. When they arrived in England, they were variously called Rhône, after the region in southwest-central France, Rohan, after the cardinal of that name, Roan, for the mixture of colours, and Rouen after the northern French town, with Rouen eventually being adopted in both England and France. In France they are called Rouen Foncé (dark) as opposed to Rouen Clair, which are lighter in colour. It resembles the Mallard with a body long and developed, the width corresponding with the length.

### GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

#### DRAKE AND DUCK

<b>General shape:</b>	Very long, graceful with good width. The important feature of this bird is its length, ideally 90 cm from point of beak to end of tail with neck extended, which gives it elegance in spite of its heavy body.
<b>Type:</b>	Rather more upright and smooth breasted than the Rouen.
<b>Head, Neck and Feet:</b>	As for the Rouen

### COLOUR

#### MALLARD

##### DRAKE

<b>Bill:</b>	Yellow, with slight greenish tint and no black lines along its centre.
<b>Eyes:</b>	Yellow.
<b>Legs and feet:</b>	Yellow-orange.

**Plumage:** Head and neck: green with a clear white collar, covering about four-fifths of the neck with no grey in the green. Breast (bib): red chestnut with white borders at the end of each feather. Belly: light grey fading to white, without reaching the underneath of the tail, which is black. Back: the above pearly grey, darker than the flanks. Wings: violet blue (indigo) with brilliant reflective powers, the ends of which above and below limited by a white streak. Sides (flanks): pearly grey with no mixture of chestnut feathers. Rump: brilliant greenish black. Tail: feathers whitish grey, with some curled up feathers which are brilliant black.

## DUCK

**Bill:** Yellow ochre, (light transparent green).

**Eyes:** Pupil: blue. Iris: very dark brown.

**Legs and feet:** Yellow-orange.

**Plumage:** Wings: same as drake with the brilliant reflections. Eyebrow: above the eye presenting a slight, nearly white curve which forms the eyebrow. On the cheek is another white line going from the eye to the start of the bill. The ground colour of the rest of the plumage to be "Isabelle Clair", and dull for each feather of the back, sides and body. Each back feather must have this "Isabelle" background with a brown mark like a horseshoe or chevron, lightly rounded at the intersection of the two lines, which opens in the shape of a "V". The top of the bill and front of neck are of a pale creamy shade not extending too low on the breast.

SCALE OF POINTS	
Size	8
Condition	10
Head, eyes and bill	8
Neck	6
Back	4
Breast 6, belly 2, tail 2	10
Wings 2, legs and feet 4	6
Breed character	10
Colour	38
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>