

# Twenty years in the wings

Ferrari may be a common family name in Italy, but put it on a fast red car and the blood is stirred. Love it or loathe it, the prancing horse has been around since the very birth of Formula One. The company grew from a race engineering division of Alfa Romeo in the '30s to the luxury sports marque and racing superstar of today but, despite its past glories, Ferrari has not won the championship for 20 years

## The Godfather:

**Enzo Ferrari**, a racing driver for *Alfa Romeo*, founded *Scuderia Ferrari* in 1929. In 1940 Ferrari became independent and, after wartime engineering work, built its first car in 1946

## Pampas Bull:

Chunky Argentinian **José Froilan Gonzales** scored Ferrari's first Grand Prix victory in a duel with his countryman, Fangio, at Silverstone in 1951

## Dark Horse:

**Alberto Ascari** won both of his World Championships with Ferrari. Always calm and collected, he scored 13 wins in 31 Grands Prix, including every race of the 1952 season **World Champion 1952, '53**

## John Surtees:

Prior to his arrival, Ferrari had lost its way but by mid 1963, Surtees had re-established the team as a potent F1 force. Seven times world motorcycling champion, he is the only man to have won world titles on both two and four wheels. **World Champion 1964**

## The Maestro:

Enzo and **Juan Manuel Fangio** were not the best of friends. Only one of Fangio's five world titles – in which he won six out of eight races – was achieved with Ferrari **World Champion 1956**

**Mike Hawthorn:** After Fangio's retirement in 1958, the championship was wide open. Hawthorn won only one race en route to the title but victory was tainted by the death of team mate Peter Collins at the Nürburgring. **World Champion 1958**

**Phil Hill:** America's first World Champion. Driving the famous 'Shark Nose' Ferrari 156, the championship was once again overshadowed by the death of his team mate, friend and championship contender, **Wolfgang von Tripps** **World Champion 1961**

## Fluctuating fortunes

**Niki Lauda:** Nine poles and five victories saw Lauda collect his first F1 Championship. A horrific crash at the German GP in 1976 prevented back-to-back titles but he recovered to head the table again the following year **World Champion 1975, '77**

After the success of the 70s, Ferrari endured lean years until Michael Schumacher arrived in 1996, determined to take the team back to the top

**Jody Scheckter:** While **Gilles Villeneuve** produced fireworks Scheckter kept his head down, collected points and won three races in what Enzo Ferrari called the ugliest car ever to leave his factory. **World Champion 1979**

**Eddie Irvine:** The Irishman currently trails championship leader Mika Häkkinen by just one point. After ace driver Michael Schumacher ruled out an early return in Monza, Irvine, supported by super-sub Mika Salo, bears the unexpected burden of ending Ferrari's title drought