



## Fast'N'Famous registers 1<sup>st</sup> Gr.1 winner

### Quintessential Stuns in Gr.1 Queensland Oaks

**Fast'N'Famous** filly **Quintessential** may well have been the odds on favourite for the **Gr.1 Queensland Oaks** on Saturday, but this certainly didn't stop connections from being any less stunned by her brilliant 2.3 length win.

Adding to their amazement is the fact that the Nearco Stud-owned Oaks heroine could just have easily been in a paddock at the time.

*"She still has a lot of developing to do, so before we decided to have a go at the race, we were asking ourselves 'is she better off to go to the paddock?',"* explained Nearco Stud's Racing Manager Adrian Clark.

Fortunately, the team decided to press on, and as a consequence the John Sargent-prepared filly has rewarded in spades.

*"Quintessential's owner Greg Tomlinson summed it up best when he said 'I'm just stunned, absolutely stunned,'"* said Clark.



**Quintessential coasting to Gr.1 Queensland Oaks victory ahead of Eliza Blues (O'Reilly)**

Having gone close with **Tip The Wink** (Stravinsky) in the **2011 Gr.1 Railway Hcp**, **Quintessential's** win marked an important Gr.1 first for Tomlinson.

For Clark – who also acquired **Tip The Week** for Tomlinson, the Oaks represented his first Australian Gr.1 tick as a Bloodstock Agent, having earlier picked her out of Trelawney Stud's 2009 draft for \$70,000 at the NZB Select Yearling Sale.

*"She was a very elegant filly,"* recalled Clark of the now A\$348,000 earner.

*"Haven already had success with **Sarajay** with Sarg; I knew she would suit him as a trainer."*

Suit him; she has - down the ground in fact. **Quintessential** is Sargent's first Gr.1 winner in Australia.

*"It's always hard to win here, let alone a Group One,"* Sargent told Sky Racing World. *"It was a lovely ride from Damian Browne and that meant a hell of a lot. He rode her perfectly."*

The **Gr.1 Queensland Oaks** win was **Quintessential's** fourth success from 14 starts, with additional black-type this season counted in the **Gr.3 WRC Desert Gold Stakes** over a mile.

For breeders, the Taylor family of Trelawney Stud, the **Oaks** win served as their second victory in the event, with star graduate **Vouvray** earlier paving the way for things to come in 2004.

Coincidentally, the **Gr.1 Queensland Oaks** is also the race that **Fast'N'Famous'** successful barnmate **Savabeel** landed his first **Gr.1** winner in.

## Gr.1 Glory for Fast 'N' Famous



**Quintessential** led a WS-dominated finish to the **Gr 1 Queensland Oaks** when she gave resident sire **Fast 'N' Famous** his first top-flight winner.

Bravely chasing **Quintessential** home for second was the Hale family's smart **O'Reilly** filly **Eliza Blues**, whilst Gerry Harvey's **Dowager Queen** played her part for sire **Savabeel**, with an eye-catching fourth.

**Quintessential** hails from **Fast N Famous'** oldest crop of 3YO's.

The progeny of the regally bred **Redoute's Choice** sire have gone from strength to strength this term.

The exciting young sire now counts the **20** winners, with victory being struck across Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong and Singapore.

An electric galloper himself, **Fast 'N' Famous** won six races in succession, with Australian black-type success including a **Gr.3 VRC Gilgai Stakes (1200m)** win in a time of 1:08.34, and a close second in the **Gr.1 AJC Galaxy**.

**Fast N Famous** is out of **Zabeel's** trans-Tasman stakes winner **Zalinda** and stands for **\$6000** plus GST, LFG in 2012.

## Gr.1 Queensland Derby Ahead

There is a very good chance that **Quintessential** will line up in Saturday's **Queensland Derby (2400m)** at Eagle Farm.

*"She's done well since the Oaks and at this stage she is running, but it really comes down to whether she is right tomorrow (Wednesday) morning,"* concluded trainer John Sargent.

**Quintessential** - who would again be ridden by Damian Brown, is rated by Sportingbet Australia as the 4<sup>th</sup> elect in the event behind the impressive dual Gr.3 winning **Savabeel** gelding, **Brambles**.

Since the Queensland Derby was shifted to the Winter in 1973, only the four fillies **Analie**, **Bravery**, **Royal Magic** and **Riva San** have completed the **Queensland Oaks/Derby** double.

According to Racing Manager, Adrian Clark, **Quintessential** will enjoy a well-deserved break after the Derby and could then tackle some Summer Gr.1 features in New Zealand.

*"We'd have to talk it over, but my feeling is that after her break, she would be well suited to the Gr.1 Zabeel Classic (WFA 3+, 2000m) and the Gr.1 Darci Brahma International (WFA 3+, 2000m),"* said Clark.

## The One That Got Away

Bloodstock Agent Adrian Clark is philosophical when you ask him about **Quintessential's** dam **Florette** (Sword Dance) – the one that got away.

*"Because I liked Quintessential, I went back and bought her dam Florette at the 2010 National Weanling Sale for \$18,000,"* he explained.

*"After her subsequent Elusive City foal died in an accident and she failed to get back in-foal, I sold her to Cara McErlean for \$1000.*

*"That's what the game's all about though- swings and roundabouts. I'm delighted for Cara. She wanted to get into the game and she now owns a Gr.1 mare."*

**Florette** - who never made it to the track herself, is a sibling to no less than seven stakes winners.

To date, she has produced five winners from as many to race.

**Florette** is booked to **Fast N Famous** in 2012.

## WS Sired Horses to Follow this Week

- **Prettyfamous** (Fast N Famous) – Won recent trial impressively. Should race at Gosford on Thursday
- **Quintessential** (Fast N Famous) – Gr.1 Queensland Oaks winner set to back up in Saturday's Queensland Derby
- **Brambles** (Savabeel) – Queensland Derby favourite with Gr.3 ticks to name at last two starts.
- **Shopaholic** (Pins) – Dual black-type winner aiming for Saturday's Gr.1 Stradbroke.

## Gr.1 Feather in Cap for WS Sire Roster



The Gr.1 success enjoyed by **Fast N Famous** provided a real feather in the cap for Waikato Stud's 2012 Stallion roster.

All five of the stud's stallions with progeny of racing age now count Gr.1 success.

# FAST'N'FAMOUS STATS

20 Winners  
2 crops racing  
1 Group One Winner  
2<sup>nd</sup> Leading 2<sup>nd</sup> Season Sire  
7<sup>th</sup> leading Sire of 3YO's in NZ  
\$80,000 – Yearlings sold up to in 2012  
\$28,100 Karaka Select Yearling Average  
4.7 = Karaka Yearling Average / Current fee.  
6 consecutive wins in top Australian company.  
\$6000 Stud Fee in 2012

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