



# What a Horse!!



## 4x G1 Winner **Kawi** Sends **Savabeel** Straight to the Top of Sire Tables

WS studmaster Mark Chittick was left stunned by the impressive racing resumption of New Zealand's highest rated horse **Kawi** in the **G1 Makfi Challenge Stakes** at Hastings on Saturday.

"By gees, he's a good horse!"

"That's his fourth G1 win and a terrific result for good friends Steak and Christine and for trainer Allan Sharrock, who trained him to win last year's event as well," said Chittick of the star **Savabeel** 6YO gelding.

The 1 ¼ length win in the hands of Leith Innes not only represented repeat success in the race for **Kawi**, but was Sharrock's third consecutive victory in the event having also trained the **No Excuse Needed** mare **I Do** to victory in 2014.

Bred by Steak and Christine Goodin – who now co-own him along with Alan Baeyertz, Gordon MacDonald, Graeme Phillips and the estate of the late Bob Sharrock, **Kawi** has won **12** races, with feature honours coming in following **7** black-type races ranging from 1400m to 2000m:

- Gr.1 Thorndon Mile (1600m),
- Gr.1 ARC Zabeel Classic (2000m)
- Gr.1 Hawkes Bay Makfi Challenge Stakes (1400m)
- Gr.1 Makfi Challenge Stakes (1400m)
- Gr.2 Manawatu RC Manawatu Challenge Stakes (1400m)
- Gr.3 New Plymouth Taranaki Cup (1800m)
- Listed WRC Anniversary Hcp (1600m)

**Kawi** will now target the **G1 Windsor Park Plate** on September 16. After this, connections are considering options such as Melbourne's \$2 million **G1 Emirates Stakes** (2000m) on November 5 and Perth's \$1 million **G1 Kingston Town Classic** (WFA, 1800m) on December 3.

Previous winners of the **Makfi Challenge Stakes** have had a great record of going on to enjoy successful international **G1** raids, with **G1** advocates of this including **Ocean Park**, **King Mufhasa**, **Starcraft**, **Sunline**, **Miss Potential** and **Our Poetic Prince**.

With Saturday's **G1** triumph and additional Australian success registered by the Bryce Heys-trained **Travancore** and the Nigel Blackiston-trained **Ferro Nero**, **Savabeel** has now shot straight to the top of all three of NZ's major sire awards in the new season's renewal.

**Savabeel**, who collected all three of these awards last season, stands for NZ\$100,000, with limited spaces still available in his book.



# WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY ABOUT KAWI...

Trainer Allan Sharrock

“The major thing about Kawi, which obviously comes from Savabeel and his sire Zabeel before him, is the ability to dig deeper than other horses. When under pressure, their tenacity comes through and they go through the pain barrier. If you get a good one, they just dig deeper. This pretty much epitomises the breed.”

Owner Steak Goodin

“He’s a horse that always gives his best. He’s had 25 starts and has won 12 of them.”

Jockey Leith Innes

“I’ve won four G1 races on Kawi now, so he’s fast catching up with Sacred Falls, who’s still my all-time favourite.

Racecaller George Simon

“He’s a superstar! He’s just blown them off the racetrack”

## G1 MAKFI STAKES POINTS OF INTEREST...

- Allan Sharrock has now trained the last **3** winners of the **G1 Makfi Challenge Stakes** (2014 **I Do**, 2015 **Kawi**, 2016 **Kawi**).
- **Pins** stallion **El Hermano** sired the two **G1** placegetters **El Pescado** and **Farm Boy** in the 2016 G1 Makfi Challenge Stakes.
- In the spirit of Daffodil Day, Kawi’s breeder/ co-owners Steak and Christine Goodin donated **\$2000** to the Cancer Society following the win.
- **Ocean Park** won the race in 2012 before heading to Australia and landing a historic trio of **G1** wins in the **Underwood**, the **Caulfield Stakes** and **Cox Plate**.
- The race was also won by star WS-bred galloper **Starcraft** before his successful international mission which included the **G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp** and the **G1 Newmarket Queen Elizabeth II Stakes**.
- Since inception in 1976, only **Kawi** and **Seachange** have registered back-to-back success in the race.
- Previous winners of the **Makfi Challenge Stakes** have had a great record of subsequently going on to enjoy international **G1** raids, with **G1** advocates here including **Ocean Park**, **King Mufhasa**, **Starcraft**, **Sunline**, **Miss Potential** and **Our Poetic Prince**.



# SAVABEEL

## THE INCREDIBLE STATS...

11 G1 WINNERS

LUCIA VALENTINA (10f, Montjeu)  
 KAWI (10g, Volksraad)  
 SOUND PROPOSITION (11g, Ebony Grosve)  
 SANGSTER (08g, Spectrum)  
 SORIANO (09f, Just a Dancer)  
 SCARLETT LADY (07f, Ironclad)  
 COSTUME (09f, O'Reilly)  
 DIADEME (08f, O'Reilly)  
 BRAMBLES (08g, Pins)  
 PASADENA GIRL (12f, Redoute's Choice)  
 SAVARIA (11f, O'Reilly)

11 STAKES WINNERS  
 IN 2015/16

LUCIA VALENTINA (10f, Montjeu)  
 KAWI (10g, Volksraad)  
 SOUND PROPOSITION (11g, Ebony Grosve)  
 SORIANO (09f, Just a Dancer)  
 MABEEL (10g, Cape Cross)  
 DUCHESS KATE (12f, Prized)  
 COLDPLAY (12f, O'Reilly)  
 SOUTHERN SAV (09g, Thunder Gulch)  
 FLAME HERO (09g, Pins)  
 SEWREEL (12f, Pins)  
 GUSTAVO (10g, Stravinsky)

CHAMPION  
 SIRE

CENTAINA AWARD (Global) 2015-16  
 DEWAR AWARD (NZ & Aus) 2015-16  
 GROSVENOR AWARD (NZ) 2015-16  
 DEWAR AWARD (NZ & Aus) 2014-15  
 GROSVENOR AWARD (NZ) 2014-15

BENCHMARK  
 SETTING STATS

9.1% Stakes Winners-to-Runners  
 50 Stakes Winners  
 11 G1 Winners  
 1 Stakes Winner 2016-17  
 11 Stakes Winners 2015-16  
 \$14.3m Global Progeny Earnings 2015-16  
 64.7% Winners-to-Runners  
 13 G1 wins in NZ equals his sire ZABEEL

DURABILITY

6 Stakes Winning 2YOs  
 21 Stakes Winning 3YOs  
 15 Stakes Winning 4YOs  
 16 Stakes Winning 5YOs  
 10 Stakes Winning 6YOs  
 1 Stakes Winning 7YO

VERSATILITY

8 Stakes Winning Sprinters (to 1399m)  
 27 Stakes Winning Milers (1400m-1699)  
 20 Stakes Winning Middle Distancers (1700 - 2299m)  
 11 Stakes Winning Stayers (2300m+)  
 2 Derby Winners  
 2 Oaks Winners  
 2 Guineas Winners  
 16 Cups Winners

SALE RING  
 DEMAND

### 2016 YEARLINGS

- 4 of top 6 Yearlings sold at Karaka
- Yearlings sold up to \$825,000
- \$256,556 Premier Average
- \$230,741 Combined Karaka Average
- 20% Premier Sale Turnover
- Record high yearling prices for Beltana, Little Avondale and Waikato Stud

### 2YOs

- \$203,500 NZB 2015 Ready to Run Sale Average

### 3YOs

- Sold for up to \$710,173 at the 2016 Hong Kong International Sale

### LEADING BUYERS

- David Ellis
- First Light Racing
- Ultra Thoroughbreds
- Hong Kong Jockey Club
- Rogerson Racing
- Bruce Perry
- Prime Thoroughbreds
- Shadwell/De Burgh Equine
- Whitby Bloodstock/Kitchwin Hills
- Bjorn Baker
- Hermitage Thoroughbreds
- Lisa Latta
- Tung Moon Fai
- Peter Moody
- Paul Willetts
- China Horse Club
- Roger James
- George Moore
- Guy Mulcaster

COX PLATE WINNING  
 RACE RECORD

AGE	WINS	2NDS	3RDS
2	1	-	1
3	2	3	-

STAKES A\$2,760,460

### WON

MVRC WS Cox Plate G1 (2040m beating 10 G1 winners)  
 AJC Spring Champion Stakes G1 (2000m)  
 AJC Sydney Lexus 2YO Handicap (1000m)

### 2ND

VRC Derby G1 (2500m)  
 MRC CF Orr Stakes G1 (1400m)  
 STC Gloaming Stakes G2 (1800m)

### 3RD

AJC Champagne Stakes G1 (2YO 1600m)

