

Weekend @ Waikato

LUCIA VALENTINA

CAPS MEMORABLE GR.1 DAY FOR PETAGNA/PERRY DUO



Savabeel mare **Lucia Valentina** capped one of the most memorable days in racing that NZ owner Lib Petagna and his Kiwi bloodstock agent Bruce Perry have ever enjoyed last weekend.

The Kris Lees-trained galloper flew home from last under Damien Oliver to take the jewel in Sydney's Championships crown, the \$4 million Gr.1 Longines Queen Elizabeth Stakes, leaving rivals flat-footed some 2 1/4 lengths in her wake.

The win - which is her third at this level- came hot on the heels of Lib and Bruce's earlier owner/agent success with NZ-bred filly Sofia Rosa in the Gr.1 Australian Oaks.

"It was by a country mile the best raceday I've ever had on a racecourse," said Petagna.

Ironically, despite the noted success of Petagna's horses, the Wellington businessman's oncourse strikerate

had not previously been so impressive.

"It's usually bad luck when I turn up" quipped Petagna.

For Perry, the day also marked a career defining high.

"Last weekend would rate right up as the best weekend I've had since Ambitious Dragon (Pins) won the Hong Kong Derby," he said.

Remarkably, Perry secured the Randwick Gr.1 pair at New Zealand Bloodstock for a combined total of \$125,000.

Lucia Valentina, who was bred by Graham and Helen-Gaye Bax, was purchased at the 2012 Premier Yearling Sale for NZ\$60,000. Her earnings now read A\$4,219,089.

"Bruce has a proven record of judgement," said Petagna of his successful bloodstock agent.

"Over the last three years, he has purchased for me the four individual Gr.1 winners Lucia Valentina, Sofia Rosa, Dal Cielo and Atlante and on top of this, his stakes performers to runners ratio sits at 35%."



















25.9%

NZ Breds have won 25.9% of Group One races in Australia this season, yet account for just 5.3% of runners.

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BLACK-TYPE RUNNERS THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY

	SAVARIA 11f Savabeel x Amatheia	Listed Hawke's Bay Gold Cup 2200m	H Bay	3:08pm
	TORGERSEN 12c Pins x Oh So Glam	Gr.3 Frank Packer Plate 2000m	ATC	3:15pm
	GOLD AMBITION 12g Savabeel x Senorita Lucy	Gr.3 Frank Packer Plate 2000m	ATC	3:15pm
	GOODSAV 12f Savabeel x Millililli	Listed NZB Insurance Stakes 1600m	CJC	3:32pm
	BLACKSAV 12f Savabeel x Showileo	Listed NZB Insurance Stakes 1600m	CJC	3:32pm
	ALL IN VOGUE 12f Pins x Tall Poppy	Listed NZB Insurance Stakes 1600m	CJC	3:32pm
	NO PUSHOVER 12f Pins x Catch the Day	Listed NZB Insurance Stakes 1600m	CJC	3:32pm
	BARBARIC 08g Pins x Burnzees Magic	Listed Finance Sprint 1200m	H Bay	3:43pm
	ADVENTADOR 08g Fast n Famous x Alpine Beauty	Listed Finance Sprint 1200m	H Bay	3:43pm
	PROCUREMENT 10f O'Reilly x Procure	Listed Finance Sprint 1200m	H Bay	3:43pm
	MISS DENNI 11f Pins x Grand Ballare	Listed Finance Sprint 1200m	H Bay	3:43pm
	SMASHING 11f Pins x Ruud van Slaats	Listed Finance Sprint 1200m	H Bay	3:43pm
	SEIZE THE MOMENT 10g Pins x Dancing Mistress	Listed Easter Cup 1600m	CJC	4:07pm
	RHYTHM TO SPARE 09g Pins x Stanica	Listed Anniversary Vase 1400m	MRC	6:45pm
	BURTON 12g Pins x Nahayan	Listed Port Adelaide Guineas 1800m	SAJC	6:53pm
	COLONEL CUSTER 12c Savabeel x Metropolitan	Listed Port Adelaide Guineas 1800m	SAJC	6:53pm
	SPIRIT BIRD 12c Savabeel x Press Leak	Gr.2 Western Australian Derby 2400m	WATC	8:25pm

THE BIG THREE

–This Week's Leading News Bites –

#1

Savabeel mare Lucia Valentina wins Sydney's \$4mil Gr.1 Longines Queen Elizabeth Stakes



#2

Pins gelding Aerovelocity rated the second best sprinter in the World on Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings



#3

Savabeel takes lead on all three of NZ's major sire awards.



BLAST FROM THE PAST

–This Weekend from Weekends Past –



2015

2YO Savabeel filly Pasadena Girl wins the Gr.1 Champagne Stakes

PEDIGREE POINTERS

–WITH GARETH DOWNEY–

CALL IN THE REINFORCEMENTS

What a breath-taking performance by **Lucia Valentina** to score the 7th win of her career in taking out the **Queen Elizabeth Stakes** in the style that only the very top line horses can do. Congratulations to all the connections involved with her!

In terms of assessing her pedigree, there are two interesting components worth highlighting – and they are both examples of the popular approach of trying to reinforce powerful female ancestors. These are as follow:

Reinforcing Special

By combining Savabeel and Sadler's Wells, it creates a duplication of the very powerful mare Special; through her son Nureyev and her grandson Sadler's Wells. This combination of Savabeel and Sadler's Wells anywhere in a pedigree is currently producing 8.6% SW/Rnrs, with these stakes winners being Lucia Valentina (Triple Gr.1 winner), Savvy Nature (Gr.2 Mitchelton Wines Vase), Éclair Big Bang (Gr.3 Caulfield Guineas Prelude), My Sabeel (Gr.3 Toy Show) and Queen Sabeel (Northland Breeders' Stakes).

Reinforcing Selene

By combining Savabeel and Star Way, it creates a duplication of one of the all-time great female influences, in Selene. Both Sir Tristram and Star Way descend directly from this great mare – and the combination of Savabeel and Star Way brings together a total of 15 lines of Selene. These lines are provided via her progeny Hyperion (8 strains), Pharamond II (4), Sickle (2), All Moonshine (1) and New Moon (1) – and Star Way is actually a Bosworth-line stallion himself; with Bosworth being a ½ brother to Selene.

The combination of Savabeel and Star Way is running at 12.0% SW/Rnrs, with these stakes winners being Lucia Valentina (Triple Gr.1 winner), Soriano (dual Gr.1 winner) and Southern Sav (Metropolitan Trophy).

So, when you are deciding which mares to send to Savabeel, Lucia Valentina has again highlighted patterns that suggest mares carrying either Sadler's Wells or Star Way are excellent options. If you would like to discuss this, or any other pedigree patterns and mating options, please contact me via gareth@waikatostud.co.nz or 021 433 073

THE MAIL

-WITH MARK CHITTICK-

I must say it's been awesome seeing the impact of the NZ-bred horse at Sydney's Championships.

What's more, its not just the NZ-bred horse. It's been great to see NZ-trainers such as Trent Busuttin, Natalie Young and Stephen Marsh, head across the ditch and enjoy such success too.

The NZ breeding industry is a close knit community, so these sort of results have really given the whole country a real sense and source of pride.

Special congrats to Lucia Valentina's connections Lib Petagna, Bruce Perry, Kris Lees and Damien Oliver.

Lib is one of the great guys of our industry, so its terrific to see him reap such rewards and with horses selected by Bruce Perry (pictured right saluting to the weekend's success)



Congrats also to Lucia's breeders, Graham and Helen-Gaye Bax. Not only do they have a full-brother weanling to Lucia on the ground, but the dam is also currently in-foal to Savabeel also.

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