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Ardrossan
Photo credit: Nicole
Troost

ARDROSSAN AN EXCITING ADDITION TO WAIKATO STUD ROSTER

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Lightly-trying Group winning sprinter Ardrossan will offer New Zealand breeders a unique opportunity to tap into a high-class source of speed and class.



BELOW / Ardrossan

Photo credit: Nicole Troost

Ardrossan will commence the second phase of his career later this year at Waikato Stud where he will stand at \$8000 + GST.

The precocious son of champion stallion and sire of sires Redoute's Choice has been retired following a career-ending injury in Sydney where he had finished third in the Gr.3 Star Kingdom Stakes on an unsuitably heavy track.

His effort behind the multiple Group winner Siren's Fury and the Group One winner Manuel, beating home the Gr.1 Golden Slipper Stakes winner Estijaab in the process, was full of merit as he had only ever won or placed on good to dead ground.

"We never got to see the best of him and he reminds me in some ways of O'Reilly at the start of his stud career," Waikato Stud principal Mark Chittick said.

"He had a very limited racing career, but we also got to see his brilliance before he was retired."

Ardrossan began his career with Stephen Marsh at Cambridge and made an immediate impact with an unbeaten two-year-old campaign. He was an easy debut winner followed by a runaway victory in the Listed Waikato Equine Veterinary Centre Stakes.

He subsequently joined Mick Price's stable in Melbourne where he was below par in three outings after he



acquired an issue which caused a strain on his heart.

Ardrossan returned home for a good break and was back to winning ways first-up from a spell for Marsh before racing away with the Gr.3 Concorde Handicap, accounting for a strong field of stakes winners and Group One performers.

He then finished a gallant third in the Gr.1 BCD Group Sprint behind the multiple Group 1 winner Melody Belle and the Australian Group Three winner Bostonian.

That performance earned Ardrossan a trip to Sydney where his career sadly ended after his Star Kingdom placing.

"He is a beautiful horse. His racing career was certainly interrupted by a couple of setbacks, but he showed his speed and what an unbelievable turn of foot he had when he was as close to 100 per cent as we could get him," Chittick said.

"That was certainly as a two-year-old and for a Redoute's Choice colt to win so impressively first-up over 800 metres is the exception rather than the rule.

"When we got the opportunity to see that speed he had a beautiful, flowing action and it was pretty to watch."

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Ardrossan retires as the winner of four of his nine starts and showed blistering pace to triumph from 800 to 1200 metres.

"He was picked by a top judge as a yearling and now three years later he's come to stand at the farm," Chittick said.

He was secured as a potential stallion by respected Masterton bloodstock agent Bruce Perry for \$150,000 at the Inglis Melbourne Premier Sale in 2016. He was purchased on behalf of Waikato Stud, JML Bloodstock, Jamieson Park, Jomara Bloodstock, Dame Lowell Goddard, Brown Thoroughbreds and David and Nicki Wilson.

"They have all stayed in and there will also be a limited number of shares

made available," Perry said.

"He will get really good support at stud and with this ownership group we will be making sure in the future that a fair few of his progeny end up in Australia.

"It's a shame his career ended early and we didn't see the best of him. It would have been nice to see him in Brisbane and I've got no doubt he would have measured up in the big races."

Ardrossan's late sire Redoute's Choice has been a major influence on Australian racing and is recognised as an outstanding sires of sires, his Group One-producing sons Snitzel, Not A Single Doubt and Stratum attest to that.

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Ardrossan

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Ardrossan is a half-brother to the stakes winners Cheyenne Warrior and Bergerac, and three other multiple winners, with their dam Miss Argyle. The daughter of Iglesia was also a speedy juvenile and finished runner-up in the Listed Gimcrack Stakes.

She is a sister to Diamondsondinside, who won 15 races including two at Listed level and was a Group Three placegetter.

It is also the family of the Gr.1 Queensland Oaks winner Mother Of Pearl and the Gr.2 Queensland Guineas winner Express Air.

"We've got a fantastic group of

owners and there was never any pressure, it was all about doing the right thing by the horse," Chittick said. "They are all avid breeders and he'll get great support. He certainly suits a lot of mares in our broodmare band as well."

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BELOW / Ardrossan
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SAVABEEL MARE SUPER IN TRAVIS

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Savabeel's daughter Supera capped a cracking season with victory in the Gr.2 Travis Stakes at Te Rapa on Saturday afternoon.

The four-year-old has proven a model of consistency throughout her current campaign that commenced back in October with a fresh-up victory over 1400 metres at Te Aroha.

Co-trainer Ken Kelso has always felt Supera would be at her best when tried over a middle-distance after she stormed home to be narrowly beaten over a mile in the Gr.1 New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes at Te Aroha at her previous start.

That opportunity presented itself today and rider Michael Coleman rode a patient race before winding the Sir Peter Vela-bred and owned Supera up and she stormed to a decisive win.

"I thought she was further back than what we initially thought she would be, but she was nice and relaxed and lobbing along," Kelso said.

"There was a bit of speed in the race, so we always thought if she was our best, she would get over the top of them. "She's very special."

Kelso said Supera would now head for a spell with bigger things expected from her in the spring.

"She's going to go out now," he said. "She's come a long way, so she can have a nice break.

"She won't be out too long and we'll bring her back and set her for something through the spring.

"We've had a lot of good mares over the years and she is right up there with them."



BELOW / Supera (blue & white)
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DOUBLE STRIKE FOR OCEAN PARK

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Ocean Park produced a trans-Tasman double with siring successes at Caulfield and Hastings.

The consistent Ocean Deep struck first for Lindsay Park Racing and then the Lance O'Sullivan and Andrew Scott-trained Wild Seas followed suit.

Ocean Deep had finished runner-up in three of her last four starts before breaking through in the hands of Michael Poy.

"When it was a slogfest it was in her favour," co-trainer David Hayes said.

"I'm really thrilled because it's been frustrating with her running so many placings this preparation. But this was the biggest race she's been in and she's won."

Poy is the son of former jockey Michael Clarke who enjoyed considerable success riding for the Hayes family in the 1980s and 1990s. Poy's first win for Lindsay Park came at Flemington on January 1 this year

"It's frightening for me," Hayes said. "I shut my eyes and I think I'm talking to Michael Clarke."

Sold at Karaka by Waikato Stud for \$65,000, Ocean Deep is out of the Pins mare Haberdashery and a half-sister to the stakes winner Sewreel.

Wild Seas powered home from the back of the field for her second career win and she is expected to make her mark in the top grade as she matures.

"The race set up well for her," Scott said. "They went along at a good speed and she got home well."

"As a four and five-year-old she'll get better and she'll go through to open company."



BELOW / Ocean Deep
Photo Credit: Natasha Morello/Racing Photos

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ROCK 'N' POP 3YO OFF TO FAST START

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The China Horse Club-owned Orleans Rock has made an encouraging start to his career from Kevin Myers' stable.

Taken south for the Marlborough meeting, he finished fourth on the first day before coming from last to win on Sunday.

The three-year-old is a son of Waikato Stud's Rock 'n' Pop, who has now sired 30 individual winners in four countries.

His leading representative to date is the dual Group Two winner and Gr.1 Australian Derby placegetter Surely Sacred.

Orleans Rock was purchased at the 2017 Ready to Run Sale at Karaka for \$50,000.

He is out of a sister to Flint Star, successful as a juvenile and third in the Gr.1 New Zealand 1000 Guineas.

It is also the family of the multiple Australian stakes winner and Group Two performer Master Touch.



BELOW / Orleans Rock
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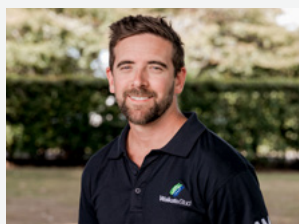
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SATURDAY 4 MAY

NO FUN NO GAIN

Pins – J'Lo

SGP-2 Singapore 3YO Classic, 1400m

Singapore, 1:50 am (NZT)

KHITAN WARRIOR

Sacred Falls – J'Lo

Listed Champagne Stakes, 1200m

Riccarton, 1:52 pm (NZT)

GRAND BOUQUET

Savabeel – Daffodil

Listed Gold Coast Bracelet, 1800m

Gold Coast, 3:10 pm (NZT)

PRINCE OZ

O'Reilly – Royal Princess

Listed Great Easter Stakes, 1400m

Riccarton, 3:41 pm (NZT)

SHILLELAGH

Savabeel – Trocair

G2 AD Hollindale Stakes, 1800m

Gold Coast, 5:50 pm (NZT)

SAVVY COUP

Savabeel – Eudora

G2 AD Hollindale Stakes, 1800m

Gold Coast, 5:50 pm (NZT)

TOFANE

Ocean Park – Baggy Green

G2 Euclase Stakes, 1200m

Morphettville, 7:15 pm (NZT)

SUNDAY 5 MAY

WAR AFFAIR

O'Reilly – Kristique

SGP-3 Rocket Man Sprint, 1200m

Singapore, 8:15 pm (NZT)

NOW YOU SEE

O'Reilly – Fabulist

SGP-3 Rocket Man Sprint, 1200m

Singapore, 8:15 pm (NZT)

PREDITOR

Savabeel – Bird

SGP-3 Moonbeam Vase, 1600m

Singapore, 9:25 pm (NZT)

BLACK TYPE SPOTLIGHT

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KHITAN WARRIOR

LISTED CHAMPAGNE STAKES



Khitan Warrior / By Sacred Falls,
from J'Lo

The Waikato Stud bred and sold son of Sacred Falls has been placed in his last two starts and has not been out of the money in all three of his starts to date. Trained by Lance Robinson, the beautifully bred two-year-old gelding will contest the Listed Champagne Stakes at Riccarton tomorrow. He has drawn well in barrier 3 and experienced southern jockey Terry Moseley has been booked to ride.

SHILLELAGH

GROUP 2 AD HOLLINDALE STAKES



Shillelagh / By Savabeel, from Trocair

Dual Group One winning Savabeel mare Shillelagh has raced at Group One level in her last four starts and will drop back to Group Two level when she contests the Group 2 Hollindale Stakes at the Gold Coast tomorrow. Although unplaced in her last few outings, she has still been highly competitive and is expected to pose a great risk to her rivals (which include fellow Group One winning Savabeel mare Savvy Coup). Trained by Chris Waller, she will jump from barrier 6 with top jockey Hugh Bowman in the

TOFANE

GROUP 2 EUCLASE STAKES



Tofane / By Ocean Park, from Baggy Green

The lightly tried three-year-old daughter of Ocean Park has really made her presence felt despite only setting foot on a racetrack for the first time less than six weeks ago. Scoring a close second on debut, she won at her second start and wasn't far off them last time out when stepping up in class. Trained by Michael Moroney, she has drawn well in barrier five and will be ridden by Dwayne Dunn.

GRAND BOUQUET

LISTED GOLD COAST BRACELET



Grand Bouquet / By Savabeel, from Daffodil

The regally bred daughter of Savabeel and multiple Group One winner Daffodil has won two of her six starts. Successful at Wyong over 1600m last time out, she will step up to 1800m in tomorrow's Listed Gold Coast Bracelet en route to a possible tilt in the Group One QLD Oaks. The capacity field has attracted some classy gallopers but from barrier 5 she should hopefully get her chance in the running to add black-type to her record.

PHOTO GALLERY

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Kaimanawa Ranges

WS Farm Manager Steve Clark, Mark, George and Harry Chittick ventured into the Kaimanawa Ranges for some serious sika hunting last week. Official photographer Harry Chittick was 'all hands on deck' to capture some shots of the weeks events.

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ABOVE Stunning scenic shots of the Kaimanawa Ranges

MARK'S MAIL

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It's been a very busy and exciting week with the announcement that Ardrossan will join our stallion roster this year.

The support and interest we have already received has been incredible and I can't wait to show him to breeders over the coming months.

He is a beautiful horse and his racing career was certainly interrupted by a couple of setbacks, but he showed his speed and what an unbelievable turn of foot he had when he was as close to 100 per cent as we could get him.

He is a great addition to our stallion roster and we welcome anyone to

come and inspect him. The team are on hand to help with any mating enquiries you may have so please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

I'm off for my annual duck shooting trip, have a safe and happy weekend everyone!

**Cheers,
Mark**



GARRY'S CORNER

Thoroughbred horse breeding has many twists and turns. Many ups and downs but we persevere because we not only love the mystery and excitement but the fact there is always something ahead of us. The choice of our suitor for our mare, the wait for the foal, the yearling, then the racehorse.



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