

WAIKATO STUD

NEWSLETTER



WAIKATO STUD A YEAR IN REVIEW

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SUPERB FIRST BOOK COVERED BY **SUPER SETH**

Super Seth received a royal welcome at Waikato Stud this year with the high-class son of Dundee attracting an outstanding first book of mares at the premier Matamata nursery.

The beautifully-bred stallion served an impressive array of Group 1 and 2-winning mares in his opening season and first coverings befitting of his own quality, the stallion offering a perfect mix of pedigree, performance and conformation.

"I'd go as far as to say it's the best book of mares we've ever served with a first-season stallion," Mark Chittick said. "He's got everything going for him and I couldn't be any happier."

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Super Seth was successful in five of his 12 starts for trainer Anthony Freedman, including victory in the Caulfield Guineas and finished runner-up in the G1 Futurity Stakes.

Waikato Stud secured a majority share-holding in the colt, who is a half-brother to the G2 Theo

Marks Stakes winner Wild Planet with the pair out of the Redoute's Choice mare Salutations, a little over a year ago.

Among the mares to have been served by Super Seth this year are the top-flight winners Bonneval, Lucia Valentina, Sofia Rosa, Xanadu, Insouciant, Stolen Dance and Ruqqaya while Group 2 winner The Real Beel was also in his court.

"He's such a great horse to do anything with on a day-to-day basis and in the breeding shed and his fertility is great. He's had the opportunities with top-quality mares and I can't wait to see his first foals."

PROBABEEL, AEGON LEADING STUD CHARGE

Waikato Stud graduates have again made their mark far and wide across the racetracks of New Zealand, Australia, Hong Kong and

3YO Classics and then went to Sydney to add the G1 Surround Stakes to her list of achievements.

She trained on this term to claim the G2 Bill Ritchie Handicap before success in the time-honoured G1 Epsom Handicap.

Probabeel is one of 20 individual Group 1 winners for multiple champion sire Savabeel, who was also credited with his 100th individual stakes winner when the Chris Waller-trained Savacool landed the Listed Rowley Mile at Hawkesbury in August.

The Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman-trained Aegon is unbeaten in three appearances having won on debut at Taupo and following a break powered away with the G3 Hawke's Bay Guineas.

He then overcame another chequered passage to claim top honours in the G1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas at Riccarton and his return in the New Year is eagerly anticipated.

RIDING CREST OF A WAVE

The 2019-20 season was a break-out one for Ocean Park, who won the Dewar Award for Champion New Zealand-based sire by total progeny earnings between New Zealand and Australia.

It was the eighth consecutive time a Waikato Stud stallion has won the award, O'Reilly (NZ) won it from 2012-13 to 2014-15 and Savabeel won it four times on the bounce.

Ocean Park's lucrative season featured 171 winners in New Zealand and Australia and he

was represented by seven individual black-type winners. His progeny amassed a total of more than NZ\$11 million.

distances and with males and females," Chittick said.

"It's often said this is a game of inches and in the previous couple of seasons he's had representatives finish runners-up in three important Group 1 races," Chittick said.



Singapore in 2020.

Two of the farm's flagship performers have been Savabeel's outstanding daughter Probabeel and his Aegon, a supremely talented 3-year-old by the late Sacred Falls.

Trained by Jamie Richards, Probabeel helped herself to a piece of New Zealand racing history when she became the first horse to triumph in both the Karaka Million 2YO and

"If those inches had been the other way around it wouldn't have been a break-out season – it would have been the start of an incredible stallion career.

"Even if it was the other way around with one of them we would have all seen it a bit differently."

From his first crop, Ocean Park produced G1 Queensland Oaks runner-up Another Dollar, Mongolianconqueror was second in the G1 New Zealand Derby and Arrogant was just edged out in the G1 Rosehill Guineas.

"Certainly, it's great that things have fallen into place for him and it's week in, week out and in different countries, different horses, different distances and with males and females," Chittick said.

"He has stamped himself as another very influential stallion for Waikato Stud."

Ocean Park also emphasised his versatility this year by siring a Group 1-winning sprinter and Group 1-winning miler.

His daughter Tofane stepped up to the big time to claim the All Aged Stakes while son Kolding won the George Main Stakes, to go with his previous Epsom Handicap and inaugural Golden Eagle titles.

Star Of The Seas handed Ocean Park a George Main quinella with his runner-up finish, having earlier also run second in the G1 Winx Stakes and G1 Doncaster Handicap.

Oceanex also won the Listed Andrew Ramsden Stakes over 2800 metres to gain entry into the G1 Melbourne Cup, in which she performed creditably for a midfield finish and less than 6l off the winner.

SUPERB SEASON BY SAVABEEL

Our magnificent son of all-conquering Zabeel, Savabeel, has now won the Grosvenor Award (Champion NZ Sire) for six consecutive seasons, which was coupled with his fifth Centaine Award in a row for combined progeny earnings worldwide.

Savabeel's exemplary record of achievement extends to a consistent 71 per cent winners to runners ratio and 10.7 per cent stakes winners to runners ratio – both stats achieved in the 2019/20 season.

Not unlike his own sire Zabeel, Savabeel's level of success has remained consistent if not elevated with maturity having secured 21 stakes race wins in the 2019/20 season.

His daughter, wonder-mare Probabeel, was once again another shining light for the stable as she won dual-G1s in Australia, collecting the Surround Stakes and Epsom Handicap.

Closer to home saw Cool Aza Beel dominate the 2YO Karaka Million before taking home first-prize for his win in the G1 2YO Sistema Stakes. Stepping out next year bigger and stronger will be an electrifying watch for Waikato and for connections at Te Akau Racing.



Q&A

WITH KERRIE COX

WHAT IS YOUR ROLE?

Bloodstock Manager

WHAT DOES A TYPICAL DAY AT WORK LOOK LIKE FOR YOU?

During the season, it's breedings, checking the newborn foals from the night before, vet work, helping with yearling xrays, videos and photos (at the moment!!) and general day to day duties on the farm and I try to do my office work in the afternoons.

WHAT'S SOMETHING YOU FIND CHALLENGING ABOUT YOUR ROLE?

There are a lot of moving parts on a big stud farm so just keeping on top of things and making sure I haven't forgotten anything..

WHAT IS MOST REWARDING ABOUT YOUR ROLE?

I'm a sucker for the yearlings so I love watching our young horses heading off to trainers and seeing them excel on the racetrack.

FAVOURITE MEMORY WORKING FOR WAIKATO STUD?

I have 2. The first year WS was leading vendor at Karaka and when I Do won the Lisa Chittick Foxbridge plate. Very special day

FAVOURITE YEARLING THAT HEADED OFF TO MAGIC MILLIONS? AND WHY?

Lot 134 Savabeel x Candelabra. Handsome, leggy colt from my favourite family on the farm.

WHO IS YOUR BIGGEST INSPIRATION?

My parents. Anyone who knows them, would agree they are incredibly kind and hardworking people that would do absolutely anything to help anyone and I've always admired them.

WHAT'S ONE THING YOU COULDN'T LIVE WITHOUT?

My family...and cheese!!

FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS DAY DISH?

Pavlova

ANY PLANS FOR 2021 OUTSIDE OF WORK?

Winning the Karaka million!



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BLOODSTOCK MANAGER

MAGIC MILLIONS

CLASS OF 2021

Jan 12-19 Gold Coast, Australia

Lot 134
Brown colt

Savabeel
x Candelabra



This colt is by Savabeel and is out of Pins mare Candelabra (NZ), who is half-sister to G1 winners Diademe & Embellish



This colt is by Ocean Park (NZ) and is out of O'Reilly mare Impurfection who is half-sister to Listed winners Kiwi Karma & Seaway

Lot 392
Bay Colt

Ocean Park (NZ)
x Impurfection (NZ)

Lot 138
Bay/Brown Filly

Tivaci
x Caramel Sundae (NZ)



This filly is by Tivaci and is the first foal out of Savabeel mare Caramel Sundae (NZ) who is out of G2 winning mare Shopaholic and is three-quarter sister to G2 winner Splurge.



This colt is by Tivaci and is out of Dylan Thomas mare Kim Dynasty who is half-sister to G1-winning mare Arlingtonboulevard

Lot 442
Bay Colt

Tivaci
x Kim Dynasty

Lot 155
Brown Colt

Savabeel
x Chilled Out (NZ)



This colt is by Savabeel and is out of Anabaa mare Chilled Out (NZ), a dam of five winners including G3 winner Savacool and is half sister to G1 placed The Big Chill



This filly is by Savabeel and is out of race-winning O'Reilly mare O'Dianne (NZ) who is out of G3 winning mare Breezy

Lot 605
Bay/Brown Filly

Savabeel
x O'Dianne (NZ)

Lot 160
Bay Colt

Tivaci
x Chorus (NZ)



This colt is by Tivaci and is out of Danasinga mare Chorus (NZ) who is dam of five winners including G3 placed Symphonic



This colt is by Savabeel and is out of race-winning O'Reilly mare Urban (NZ) who is out of Listed winner Metropolitan and is half-sister to G3 winner Residential

Lot 922
Brown Colt

Savabeel
x Urban (NZ)

Lot 355
Black/Brown Colt

Savabeel
x Gram (NZ)



This colt is by Savabeel and is out of O'Reilly mare Gram (NZ) who is out of G2 winning mare Gold Rocks and is half-sister to G2 winners Gold Fever & Gold Rush



This filly is by Savabeel and is out of the O'Reilly mare Virginia (NZ) who is sister to four-time G1 winner Alamosa

Lot 935
Brown Filly

Savabeel
x Virginia (NZ)

CIRCLE

THE WINNERS

IMPECUNIOUS LOOKING A SHARP PIECE OF BUSINESS

Sacred Falls filly Impecunious has made a dashing start to her Australian career with a commanding debut performance at Caulfield.

Co-bred and sold by Waikato Stud, the 3-year-old made her first appearance from Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young's stable and was a dominant winner over 1200 metres in the hands of Damien Oliver.

Impecunious was a \$140,000 purchase for Riccarton trainer Michael Pitman at New Zealand Bloodstock's National Yearling Sale and is a daughter of the winning Zabeel mare Sheezababe, who was also runner-up in the Listed New Zealand St Leger.

The second dam Honor Babe won the G1 Sydney Cup and the family of the G3 Great Northern Challenge Stakes winner and multiple Group 1 placegetter Cocky Golfer.

Impecunious finished third on debut for Pitman and his training partner, son Matthew, before she was successful at Riccarton during the winter.

Those performances courted the attention of high-profile Australian owner Ozzie Kheir, who successfully purchased the filly and now races her with a number of partners.



MARE SHOWS LIKING FOR TRACK

Waikato Stud's familiar stylised silks were to the fore at Canterbury Park on Dec 11th where On The White Turf added to her tidy record.

It was the second success on the course for the Savabeel mare having won over the 1550 metres last month and has now amassed five victories from her 19 career appearances for trainers Richard and Michael Freedman.

A sister to three winners, On The White Turf is a daughter of the Pins mare Pins On Ice, who won three times in Victoria and she is a sister to the G2 Avondale Guineas and G3 Taranaki 2YO Classic winner Icepin, also successful in Hong

Kong as Regency King.

Pins On Ice is a half-sister to the Listed Tattersall's Open Mile winner Frozone and under the third dam is former Waikato Stud sire Kinjite, a three-time winner at Group 1 level, and the G2 Ascot Vale S. winner Scaredie Cat.

DOUBLE STRIKE FOR OCEAN PARK

Waikato Stud home-bred Ocean Beyond completed a winning double for Waikato Stud at The Valley when he kept his unbeaten record intact after success in the Listed McKenzie Stakes.

The 3-year-old is a son of resident stallion Ocean Park.

Ocean Beyond has been a favourite of trainer Daniel Bowman's for some time and he didn't hesitate to take on stakes company off the back of a debut win in a Geelong maiden.

"You don't see our stable do this very often and it paid off. Ever since we gave him his first gallop we knew he went well and it was just a matter of looking after him," Bowman said.



Partnered by Harry Coffey, Ocean Beyond jumped well to sit outside the leader and proved too strong for in the run home.

Ocean Beyond was withdrawn from the New Zealand Bloodstock National Yearling Sale and then failed to meet his \$60,000 reserve when offered through Ohukia Lodge's draft at the Ready to Run Sale at Karaka.

"I liked him at the Sale, although his breeze-up wasn't impressive and just did a lot wrong. But I liked the animal," Bowman said. "He had a throat issue and was passed in and Waikato Stud was good enough to take him home to get over it.

"We'll give him a spell and get him back for the autumn, now his rating his up we can some targets."

Waikato Stud will offer Frankly's Savabeel colt as Lot 412 at Karaka in January.



Ocean Beyond



GENUINE MARE WINS AGAIN

Ocean's Thirteen is thriving on a regular diet of racing and she emphasised that point at The Valley where she produced a commanding front-running performance to thump her rivals.

The Ocean Park 4-year-old was successful during a winter preparation for trainers Ciaran Maher and David Eustace and has carried on with the good work through the spring having also won at Ballarat in October.

Bred and sold by Waikato Stud, Ocean's Thirteen set a solid clip in front under apprentice Will Price and, after sprinting clear on the turn, coasted to the line for her fifth win from 14 appearances.

"That was a great win and Will got it spot on, she loves rolling along in front," Eustace said.

"She's holding her form really well and loves fast going so we'll keep her going through the summer. "She looks great and is in a really good groove."

Ocean's Thirteen was purchased by Maher at New Zealand Bloodstock's National Yearling Sale for \$75,000 and is out of the unraced O'Reilly mare, Really Reputable.

10 OUT OF 10 PERFORMANCE

Super Ten opened his account in Hong Kong in fine style this evening with a commanding performance at Sha Tin.

The 3-year-old son of Ocean Park showed the benefit of a resuming run when he bolted home in a Class 4 handicap by 2.5l over 1400 metres in the hands of Jerry Chau for trainer Douglas Whyte.

The Waikato Stud graduate has been lightly raced was unplaced at his previous run off the back of a spell and stripped sharper for the outing to score at the fifth time of asking.

He was sold at New Zealand Bloodstock's National Yearling Sale by the Matamata farm to M2 Racing for \$115,000 and realised \$190,000 when purchased out of Woburn Farm's Ready to Run Sale draft by George Moore Bloodstock.

Super Ten is a son of the Fastnet Rock mare Pastrana, also the dam of the winner and Listed Warstep Stakes placegetter Miss Valencia.

Pastrana is a half-sister to the dam of the Singapore black type winner Born To Fly and the family of the G1 Rosehill Guineas winner D'Argento and the G1 TJ Smith Stakes winner Sizzling.



Ocean's Thirteen



SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS



GARRY'S CORNER



Garry Chittick

Well, the year is nearly done and dusted. What a year it has been! My corner is not a political commentary but in a year such as the one we have experienced the subject is impossible to avoid.

Covid has wreaked havoc with the world, however the resilience of the racing industry is a credit to all involved. Sure, throughout the world there have been periods of lockdown but very limited when compared with other sporting events. From our point of view the Australian racing has not only been a source of regular entertainment but a product

for our wagering agency to sustain our domestic industry.

The lockdown of other sports confirmed my long held belief that sports betting is a direct competitor to our sport. Firstly let's address our TAB, it was founded many years ago, underwritten by the two racing codes of the time. Greyhound racing was a later addition with this group assuming not only responsibility but ownership of the TAB. Sports betting was a much later addition with our TAB acting as a betting agency for sports whom had no proprietary interest.

Sports betting initially was relatively small but was an important component in rebranding our TAB - the youngest of our readers

will not remember when our betting agencies were placed out of sight, down side alleys by pubs. The advent of commentators on rugby test match side lines encouraging people to wager on who may be first to score was a big part of the repositioning of those agencies. Great, but we now have a tiger by the tail, total TAB gross turnover in round figures is currently \$2.5 billion of which sport contributed \$500m.

John Allen, previous chief executive of our then Racing Board (see you had already forgotten him), in a meeting I had with him confirmed with sports betting being a fixed odds product in a competitive market the net margin was 4% and as their agency we

received half. The average deduction on the racing product is 14%. The result of the Covid sports shutdown is an increase in turnover of some significance both here and in Australia, common sense you say, but if you follow the actions of our previous Racing Board you will see there was a concerted effort to advance the sports wagering component. My argument with Allen that day was our resources were underwriting this direction and they are now our competitors. Think of the infamous expenditure on the current Racing App, well the Covid figures illustrate my belief.

So where to now? Our current Racing Minister is also Minister for Sports. Who owns the TAB? Who knows? But when we still have commitments to the banks in excess of \$45m and the Government has just tossed \$70m at you to keep you afloat I am pretty sure of who will be pulling the strings. Sporting bodies believe they have a right to not only all the results of wagering on their product but also board membership. I am aware there is a current agency commitment, but I believe it is vulnerable particularly under the new Minister. I leave it up to you to work out where the votes come from.

It is Christmas, a time of joy, so I probably shouldn't be reminding you of the past as the above numbers are not joyous in nature. I started this corner proud of racing's place in a difficult year, even sales have shown a surprising resilience

whether on the internet or not. We are a spirited lot the racing enthusiasts, but the lifeblood of sustaining racing is stakes, stakes are the dividend of our investment. They are not shared evenly, and neither should they be as our aspirations are to breed and win at the highest level so it would appear the lifeblood of our sustainability will have little opportunity of any useful

we have spread out our draft. Karaka has, as always, the bulk of our horses, we did hope there may have been a change in travel restrictions but no, and we understand why.

The horses we have sent to Australia have gone without us. So far nobody has put their hand to spend two quarantined weeks at either end so at this point we were



transfusion. A direct result of having been bled by the bludgers getting the plasma.

Enough, why should I stress myself when clearly confronted with superior beings – it's a waste of time. I am lucky to have the team at Waikato, who have the patience to put up with me.

And so to 2021, firstly we are confronted with a very difficult selling environment, who will be there, will anybody? Well, we have no choice but to do the best we can, accordingly

dependent on a former capable Waikato person to operate for us. It's moments like these you wish you had a close relation in Dubai who could keep them all.

With our mating finished we can reflect on the season, with close to 600 mares carrying a Waikato Stud service our place in the industry will be around for many more years. Savabeel has sired his customary 9 stakes winners already but the loss of Sacred Falls is now obvious. Ocean Park continues to climb

the ranks and as I write Tivaci has had 5 trial winners.

The racing team is ok, lacks a star right now but there's plenty of hope. You will have seen our colours in Australia and without wanting to belabour the point, but we are ahead at this stage. It is expensive but when racing for \$50k on a mid-week you can pick up a bit of money. I must comment on the intent to pay nominal amounts back through the field, now I know this is the socialist way of the current world but we race to win and when you spread a limited resource nobody is the winner.

Is there anything else? Winston, how could I not wish Winston a Happy Christmas, at least he tried, if racing does not respond to his efforts he will be disappointed whilst casting a line off his front lawn. Mind you he won't be listening to the radio, no race broadcasting!

Mind you I should leave him off the list, running with Labour three years ago means we could be landed with this lot for many years. I had my photo in every paper in NZ for financially supporting NZ first and it's a shame they put my name with it because I thought it was a bad shot. Ironically I

didn't vote for him but think about this, if as a result of the support of the racing fraternity Winston was leveraged over the 5% required then we have to live with the consequences!

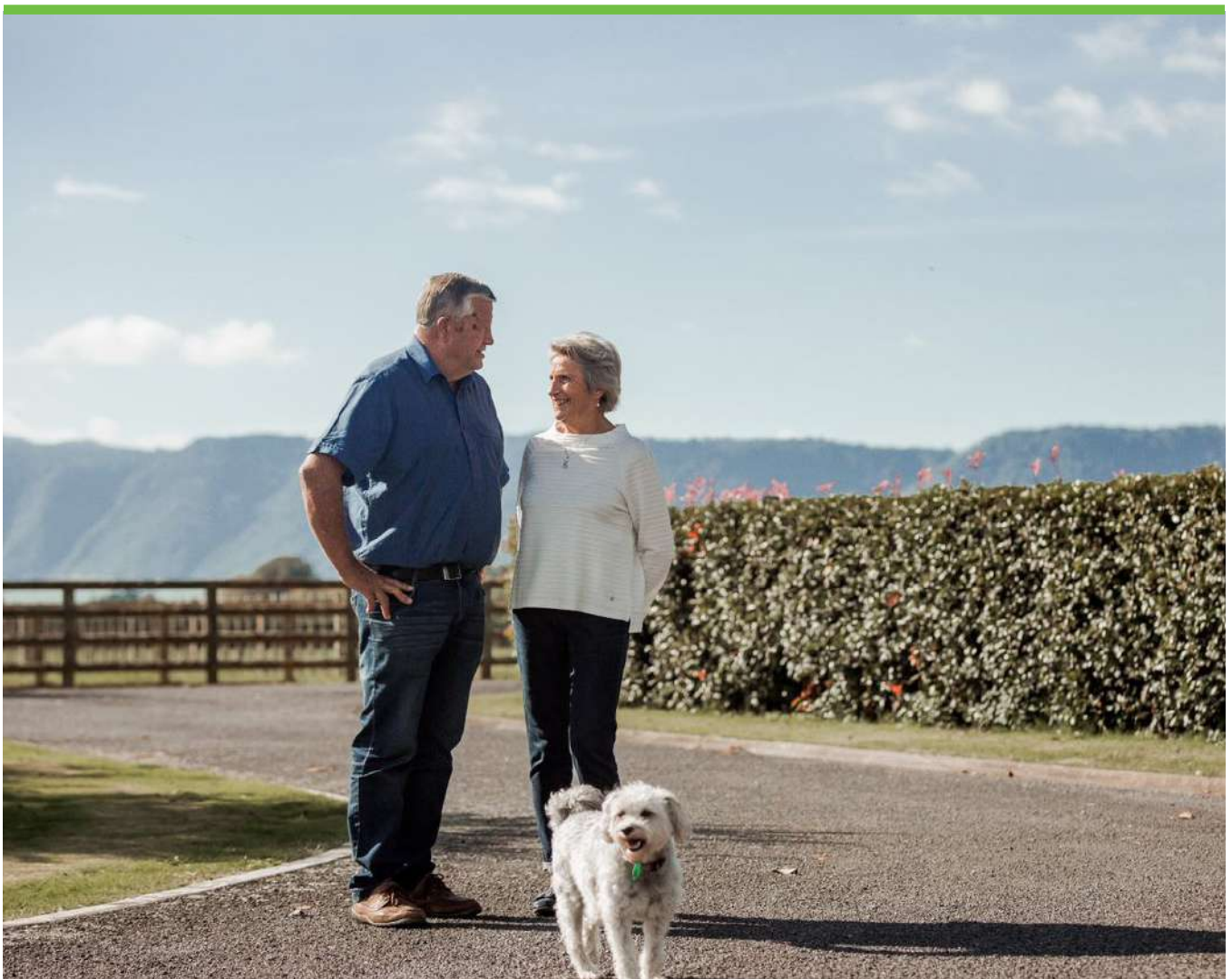
I came across his dwarf throwing mate last week, he thinks it's a laugh.

I am going fishing, there is no point in worrying at my age, Mark can have a turn.

Cheers

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Garry Chittick



FAREWELL 2020



This year has been nothing short of challenging for everyone across the country and the globe. Despite this, the team here at Waikato is quite proud of the goals we were able to accomplish in 2020 and it's our aim to make 2021 our best year yet.

We welcomed Super Seth to the stallion roster this Spring and his book of mares was impressive to say the least. We can't begin to describe how excited we are to see his progeny hit the racetrack in a couple years.

Ocean Park goes from strength to strength winning his first Dewar Award for New Zealand-based sires by progeny earnings in New Zealand and Australia. The sire of Kolding and Tofane is quickly being recognised as a strong stallion for the future across the Trans-Tasman with his best years well and truly in front of him.

Savabeel needs little introduction as he continues to dominate as New Zealand's Champion sire for the sixth year running, epitomised by the dual-group one winning year

by wonder mare Probabeel. Her wins in the Surround Stakes and Epsom Handicap were spectacular and are a well-earned addition to the trophy cabinet for Savabeel.

We would like to say thank you to our breeders. Waikato has been lucky enough to experience a great deal of success over the years and we could not have done it without your wonderful support. We hope to build new relationships next year and make existing relationships even stronger.

Thank you to everyone involved with the Waikato team, it's a pleasure to work alongside such a hard-working and driven and group of people. We wish you all a Merry Christmas with your family as we look forward to tackling 2021.



Mark & Pippa Chittick