



WAIKATO STUD NEWSLETTER

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STALLION SERVICE

FEEES FOR 2021

Savabeel heads the 2021 Waikato Stud roster as the leading Australasian sire of Stakes winners this season

Prudent stallion selection along with the development of exceptional families reared on the best-thoroughbred land in New Zealand has elevated Waikato Stud into the position of strength it enjoys today.

The current season has been one of our very best in fifty years. The WS brand has been proudly carried to victory on the shoulder of Group One winners Probabeel (ATC Epsom), Aegon (NZ 2000 Guineas), Amarelinha (NZ Oaks) and Mo'unga (ATC Rosehill Guineas). Waikato Stud have bred a total of 17 black-type winners to date in 2020-21, with three months of the season still remaining.

**WAIKATO STUD PROUDLY
OFFERS FIVE STALLIONS
FOR 2021.**

**SAVABEEL - \$100,000
+ GST (LFG)**

The perennial Savabeel, in the tradition of his sire Zabeel and grandsire Sir Tristram, continually goes from strength to strength. Worldwide, Savabeel has now sired 23 Group One winners and 114 stakes winners to take his total earnings to over NZ\$122 million in 12 different countries. On the world's most competitive racing stage, Australia, his progeny have won AUS\$53.3 million.

Probabeel's run in Randwick's Queen of the Turf Stakes this autumn took Savabeel's Australian 2020-21 earnings past A\$7.1 million. The current New Zealand season will see Savabeel win his seventh consecutive Champion New Zealand Sire title, seventh Dewar Award, and sixth Centaine award. Savabeel is the current leading Australasian sire of Stakes winners with 18 winners of 29 races including four Group One winners.

SUPER SETH - \$35,000 + GST (LFG)

It takes an exceptional horse to win the Caulfield Guineas, a stallion-making race won by our second season sire Super Seth. His maternal grandsire Redoute's Choice won the same race in the record time of 1.35.8 and became Champion Sire of Australia on three occasions. Other legendary names etched in Caulfield Guineas history include Vain, Mahogany, Manikato, Red Anchor, Lusk Star, and Tulloch.

When Super Seth won the 2019 renewal of the race, he gave the previously undefeated Alligator Blood six lengths start and ran him down. He displayed electrifying speed in winning his debut start as a two-year-old by six lengths. When retired to Waikato Stud in 2020, he had earned A\$1.7 million.

He has superb conformation and quality and his pedigree is instantly attractive as a son of the highly successful sire and former NZ Horse of the Year in Dundee and half-brother to the multiple stakes-winner Wild Planet.

Super Seth attracted a high quality full book of 143 mares for his 2020 debut season. It comprised of 27 Group winners, including 11 at Group One level - another 10 were Listed winners and 18 were dams of Group winners.

Overall, more than half of Super Seth's book had themselves earned black-type or produced black-type performers.



OCEAN PARK - \$30,000 + GST (LFG)

Ocean Park established himself as a sire of the highest class in Australia last season when Tofane won the G1 All-Aged Stakes, this season it has been followed up by Kolding's win in the 2021 All-Aged Stakes. That high-class performance came in addition to his earlier G1 George Main win.

With less than five crops of racing age, Ocean Park's progeny have won more races (447) with fewer runners than Savabeel (400 races) had sired at the same stage.

This season's progeny have won from 1200 to 3200 metres, including Ocean Billy's emphatic win in the 2021 G1 Auckland Cup. His other group winning horses, Star of the Seas, Oceanex, Another Dollar, Our Hail Mary, and Out of the Park, are supported more recently by Bargain's impressive third in the G1 ATC Oaks.

Ocean Park's progeny has produced three individual Group One winners and 15 black-type winners in total. In 2020-21 his results went from strength to strength with two Group One winners and seven individuals winning black-type races. His offspring have already won almost NZ\$30 million.



Tivaci

TIVACI - \$12,500 + GST (LFG)

Young stallion Tivaci is exceptionally well-credentialed, and the quality of his progeny on the racecourses of Australasia is eagerly anticipated. As a Group One winner of the All-Aged Stakes at Randwick, Tivaci represents outstanding value.

By one of the world's most successful sire's in High Chaparral, Tivaci's first and second crop yearlings made over five to six times his service fee, selling up to \$500,000. Numerous Tivaci yearlings have made six figures and gone into leading stables throughout Australasia.

Tivaci has an outstanding pedigree, and his striking good looks have transmitted to his progeny. The word coming from leading stables in Australia is strong for Tivaci, who unsurprisingly has so far been represented by only a handful of juvenile runners.

ARDROSSAN - \$3,000 + GST (LFG)

Ardrossan displayed abundant Group One ability, but injury cut his career short, and he retired to stud as a Group Three winner of four races from only nine starts.

At three years, he won the G3 ARC Concorde defeating Group One winner Ever Loyal. He then exemplified his class by finishing a head and a nose behind multiple Group One winners Melody Belle and Bostonian in the G1 Waikato BCD Sprint over 1400 metres.

Ardrossan has a beautiful pedigree and is an outstanding type. He is by the renowned sire and sire of sires in Redoute's Choice (sire of Snitzel and Not A Single Doubt), and is from the ATC G3 Gimcrack Stakes placegetter Miss Argyle, by Iglesia.

Ardrossan's first crop are rising yearlings.



Ardrossan

WALLER BIGGEST FAN OF OCEAN PARK'S SON

"He's a ground-breaking horse with a Golden Eagle and an Epsom, and racing in some pretty good colours as well," said Waller, referring to major stable client Neville Morgan.

"Obviously he's a horse that needs Good tracks. I think he probably doesn't get a lot of credit when he's been getting beaten on wet tracks, which has been most of this preparation."

Kolding is always up for a challenge when he gets conditions to suit and wasn't to be denied in the All Aged.



It's easy to understand the regard champion trainer Chris Waller has for Ocean Park's outstanding son Kolding, who added to his Group 1 tally with a hard-fought victory in the All Aged S. at Randwick.

"I thought Savatiano had the race won, but then I could just gradually see him coming back," Waller said. "By this time in a preparation he's normally running over 2000 metres, so I was thinking he was going to be strong late."

"These are the sorts of things rushing through your mind – your hopes at the 100 metre mark. He's a good horse, and he showed it again."



"My word he'll be back for more. Being a sprinter-miler, I'm not sure there's much in Queensland, but he will be back in a race like the Winx S. in the spring, providing we get a good track."

Kolding was ridden by Brenton Avdulla, who said the 5-year-old again demonstrated his quality and tenacity.

"I felt in control a long way out and when Tagaloa dropped off I just had to get there and take my time," he said. "To my bloke's credit, once he felt her (Savatiano) there he lifted into another gear and showed his Group 1 dominance."

"I'm lucky enough to ride for the stable. It's my second Group 1 for Chris. He puts on a variety of riders, but it's always nice to put the white bridles and white reins on for Chris Waller."

Kolding was bred by Wentwood Grange and Warren Pegg and sold to Mulcaster Bloodstock on behalf of Morgan for \$170,000 at New Zealand Bloodstock's National Yearling Sale.

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"Kolding is a war horse and what a win that was. The other one (Savatiano) came up beside him and I didn't think he was going to get it, but he just dug in and he's such a tough horse," Wentwood's Sean Hawkins said.

"He's a bit underrated and when he gets the right track and the right day they can't beat him. He's such a great horse – three Group 1s and on top of that the Golden Eagle."

Waikato Stud's Ocean Park also sired last year's All Aged S. winner Tofane while his son Ocean Billy emphasised the stallion's versatility with his success over 3200 metres in the G1 Auckland Cup in March.

A quartet of youngsters by champion resident sire Savabeel were offered by Waikato Stud through Royston and Catriona Murphy's Sledmere Stud draft at the Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale

Savabeel is again setting a cracking pace as the leading source of stakes success for the current season.

The Waikato Stud resident has sired 18 individual black type winners so far in the 2020/2021 term and highlighted by those at the elite level – Probabeel,



Savabeel

SAVABEEL'S PROGENY

ON FIRE AT STAKES LEVEL



Savabeel

Amarelinha, Mo'unga and Concert Hall.

Probabeel has been victorious in the G1 Epsom H. and G1 Futurity S. as well as the Geoffrey Bellmaine S. and Bill Ritchie H. at Group 3 level.

New Zealand Bloodstock Filly of the Year Amarelinha claimed the G1 New Zealand Oaks and Group 2 wins in the Eight Carat Classic and the David and Karyn Ellis Fillies' Classic and the G3 Sunline Vase.

Mo'unga won the G1 Rosehill Guineas and the Listed Dulcify S. and all three were bred and sold by Waikato Stud while the Joan Egan-bred and raced Concert Hall landed the G1 Zabeel Classic, G2 Tauranga S., the G3 Thompson H. and was runner-up in the G1 Captain Cook S.

Pierina, who was bred by the Matamata farm with Isabelle O'Shea, wife of top Sydney trainer John, added to the list when she won Saturday's G2 Travis S. in a canter.

Savy Yong Blonk, Waikato Stud's own Cornflower Blue, Missybeel, Albarado and Whimsical have all been Group 3 winners this term.

Among Savabeel's Listed winners is the Matamata-farm bred and sold Atishu whose victories in the Warstep S. and Inglewood S. saw her crowned New Zealand Bloodstock's Southern Filly of the Year with a possible tilt at the G1 Queensland Oaks on the radar.

The stallion's influence wasn't lost on the buying bench at the Inglis' Australian Easter yearling Sale where 11 of his youngsters sold at an average of AU\$321,818.

Royston and Catriona's Sledmere Stud sold four Savabeel yearlings



Savabeel x Pretty \$520,000 Inglis Easter Sale

on Waikato Stud's behalf at Inglis Easter Sales for AU\$1,270,000 at an average of AU\$317,500 and a top price of AU\$520,000 paid by the China Horse Club, Newgate and Mitchell Bloodstock for the half-brother to stakes winners Bonny O'Reilly and Pretty To Sea.

The combination of a multiple champion stallion and a top-class race mare proved attractive to Bjorn Baker and Clarke Bloodstock who went to AU\$360,000 for a colt out of the G1 Futurity S. and G1 CF Orr S. winner Suavito.

Prominent owner Brae Sokolski liked what he saw of a Savabeel filly and went to AU\$200,000 to take her home. She is a sister to the G3 Eagle Technology S. winner and G2 Cal Isuzu S. runner-up Love Affair.

The last of the farm's Savabeel youngsters (ex. Magic Dancer) realized AU\$190,000 when sold to New South Wales operation Import Racing and is a brother to this season's impressive 2-year-old winner Noverre, bought at Karaka by Te Akau for \$600,000.



Probabeel winning the G1 Futurity Stakes

Q&A

WITH SIMON LAWSON

What is your role with WS ?

Dry Mare Manager.

What does your day-to-day look like on the WS farm?

At the moment it's pretty cruisy, just helping out wherever needed, whether that's handling foals, checking mares or jumping on a tractor but during the season is when it all heats up.

I'll be in the breeding barn most sessions and then down to our dry mare farm "O'Reillys" looking after the 130 odd dry mares (teasing, vet work, treatments etc).

How did you become involved in the Thoroughbred industry?

I've been around racing and horses since I was a baby.

What's the most rewarding part about working at WS?

Whenever you get a tricky mare in foal, it makes it worthwhile for all the hard work you put in. Also, seeing the young horses develop, not just physically but mentally into beautiful well mannered horses because of all the work we put into them is pretty cool too.

What time of the year do you find most enjoyable at Waikato?

November, it's just getting hot enough in the afternoons for me to get my shirt off and start working on my tan.

Favourite mare/s to work with at WS?

Legs - Group 1 winner and still a Group 1 sweetheart.

Favourite WS graduate to come off the farm & why?

Tivaci-Knew It filly bought by Roydon Bergerson at Karaka this year. Gorgeous type and an awesome attitude, can't wait to see her hit the track.

Best memory at WS?

Super Seth's arrival.

Favourite genre of music?

Gotta be "hip hop" to get me to dance but I'll listen to pretty much anything.

Favourite restaurant (anywhere in the world)?

Botswana Butchery Queenstown.

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SINCE I WAS A BABY.”



Simon Lawson

THE WINNERS

ANOTHER GROUP 1 FOR OCEAN PARK

Ocean Park's best son Kolding has again demonstrated his class and tenacity with success in the G1 All Aged S.

The Waikato Stud stallion is also the sire of the Tofane, who won the Randwick feature 12 months ago, and the G1 Auckland Cup winner Ocean Billy.

Trained by Chris Waller, Kolding is now a three-time top-flight winner having previously landed the G1 Epsom H. and G1 George Main S.

He appreciated the return to racing on a Good 4 surface at Randwick was produced with a well-timed finish by Brenton Avdulla for the thick end of the stake.

"I felt in control a long way out when Tagaloa dropped off and I just had to get there and take my time," he said.

"He just lacks that turn of speed that he had a couple of preps ago. He felt the winner and Hughie (on Savatiano) was on top of him pretty quickly and got a head in front of me. To my bloke's credit, once he felt her there he lifted into another gear and showed his Group 1 dominance.

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Kolding Winning the All Aged Stakes

QUALITY FILLY ATISHU STRIKES AGAIN

Rising star Atishu again blitzed her rivals to win the Listed Warstep S. at Riccarton and be crowned New Zealand Bloodstock's Southern Filly of the Year.

For breeder Waikato Stud it completed a trans-Tasman black type double following success in the G3 JHB Carr S. at Randwick with the John O'Shea-trained All Hallows' Eve, a Sacred Falls filly bred and raced with Rosemont Stud.

And at Caulfield, the Phillip Stokes-trained Blue Ocean was successful and he was also bred by the farm with O'Shea's wife Isabelle.

By Savabeel, Atishu was a \$260,000 purchase by Go Racing from its New Zealand Bloodstock National Yearling Sale draft and she placed in three of her four starts in the spring including in the Listed Wanganui Guineas.

After impressive back-to-back victories at Pukekohe and Riccarton through March she then turned the NZB Airfreight Stakes into a procession, scoring by a widening 7l.

Atishu was quickly into stride before rider Kozzi Asano allowed her to drift back in the field and were last at the top of the straight.

Asano asked the filly for the supreme effort in the closing 350 metres and she responded in impressive fashion to mow her rivals down.

Trainer Stephen Marsh will see how the filly is when she returns home before confirming a tilt at the G1 Queensland Oaks for the filly.

"She is coming home to Cambridge now and will have a few days in the paddock before we make any further plans for her," he said.

"It's a big trip back by float so she will need the rest, but if she



Atishu winning the Listed Warstep Stakes

travels well and comes through everything without any harm then a crack at Brisbane is definitely on the cards.

Atishu is out of the No Excuse Needed mare Posy, who won two races and is a sister to the former champion 3-year-old and multiple Group 1 winner Daffodil, who has produced three stakes placegetters in Grand De Flora, Grand Bouquet and Snowdrop.

SACRED FALLS FILLY KICK-STARTS TOP DAY

All Hallows' Eve has significantly boosted her future broodmare value with victory in the G3 JHB Carr S. at Randwick.

The daughter of Sacred Falls was bred by Waikato Stud and Rosemont Stud and they race the Sacred Falls filly who produced a stirring finish in the straight to open her black-type account.



All Hallows' Eve' Winning the G3 JHB Carr Stakes

She kicked off a red-letter day for the farm, who also bred and sold Listed Warstep S. winner Atishu for \$260,000 at Karaka and co-bred Caulfield winner Blue Ocean with O'Shea's wife Isabelle. He was sold as a weanling for \$22,000.

All Hallows' Eve was coming off a sixth placing in the G3 PJ Bell S. and showed encouraging improvement to round off strongly from back in the field to post her third career victory and a significant one to boost her value at the end of her racing days.

She is a sister to stablemate and G3 Tibbie S. winner All Saints' Eve and a half-sister to the G1 New Zealand 1000 Guineas winner Hasahalo.

Their dam Halloween is from the family of Savabeel's Group-winning brothers Savvy Nature and Addictive Nature.

OCEAN PARK MARE HOLDING FORM ADMIRABLY

The Allan Sharrock-trained Our Hail Mary continued her run of winning form with a gallant performance to claim the open staying test at Te Rapa.

The Waikato Stud-bred and sold mare has been successful in four of her last five appearances, including victory in the G3 Trentham S.

Our Hail Mary settled in the first five before improving to second at the top of the straight and stayed on strongly for rider Danielle Johnson to land the Skycity Hamilton H.

"I thought she would be hard to beat today stepping back up to the 2100 metres and she gets through these rain-affected tracks very well," Johnson said.

Our Hail Mary was a \$35,000 New Zealand Bloodstock National Yearling Sale purchase and is a daughter of Ocean Park the Ekraar mare Repenting.

It is a family Sharrock knows well as she is out of a half-sister to his former stable star Shez Sinsational, who collected four Group 1 titles during her racing days.



Ocean Park

MOREIRA SOLD ON COURIER WONDER

Sacred Falls' son Courier Wonder was the recipient of high praise from jockey Joao Moreira after the 3-year-old continued the unbeaten start he has made to his career at Sha Tin.

The Waikato Stud-bred brother to G1 Doncaster H. runner-up Icebath won for the fourth consecutive time to have Moreira rating him the best young talent he has ridden in the 2020-21 term.

"For sure, this season, yes. It's been a while since I've been on top of a nice horse like him. If he keeps on tracking and keeps on learning as he should, he's going to go far – I can tell you that," he told the Hong Kong Jockey Club website.

"It was a bit more difficult because of the weight (60.5kg) on his back and he had the wide gate

(eight), so he had to use himself to come across and he did win with something left in hand.

"I did not use the whip on him. I showed him the whip and they were closing up, but I think that's because of the weight.

"He's a young horse, only a 3-year-

old. He's got plenty to learn and I think there's plenty more to come from him.

"This time he won by a shorter margin and that was just because of the weight. It was still quite

convincing to me and I still have a lot of faith in him that he's going to go very high."

Courier Wonder was bought out of Waikato Stud's draft at Karaka for \$150,000 by agent John Foote and is a son of the Savabeel mare Fabulist, who was won five times.

He was a trial winner at Cranbourne for trainer Rob Hickmott before his sale to

Hong Kong interests and relocation to John Size's stable.

All five of Fabulist's foals to race have been successful and she is from the family of the G2 Wakefield Challenge S. winner Kapsdan and the Listed winner Eccentricity, whose son Wyndham Glory was a dual stakes winner



Scared Falls

WHALE OF AN EFFORT IN CUP

A gallant Whale Song completed a black-type double at Riccarton for breeder Waikato Stud when the Ocean Park mare was successful in the Listed Easter Cup.

Following on from farm graduate Atishu's Listed win in the NZB Airfreight S., the Michael and Matthew Pitman-trained Whale Song cut the corner into the straight and finished gamely under apprentice rider Wiremu Pinn.

Whale Song was purchased at New Zealand Bloodstock's National Yearling Sale by Michael Pitman for \$10,000 and is a son of the unraced Pins mare Nadel Dame.

A half-sister to the multiple Singapore black type winner Currency, Nadel Dame is also the dam of the multiple winner and stakes placegetter Lady Nadel and the family of the dual Group 2 winner and Group 1 performer Our Abbadean.



Spooning

SUCCESSFUL FAMILY TO FORE

The well-related Spooning has shown a good degree of the family ability with an encouraging start to her career from the Caulfield stable of Mick Price and Michael Kent Jnr.

Spelled after an unplaced debut run in the spring, the Waikato Stud-bred and sold filly returned to action at Pakenham and raced away to a 4L victory over 1400 metres.

A daughter of Ocean Park, Spooning was a \$120,000 purchase at New Zealand Bloodstock's National Yearling Sale for ICON Racing and Michael Kent Racing.

She is a half-sister to Savabeel's G3 Eagle Technology S. winner Love Affair and they are out of Romacing. Their second dam, Ungaro, produced the G3 Hawkesbury Gold Cup winner Somepin Anypin, a son of Pins.

Ungaro is a sister to the G1 Goodwood H. and G3 Tesio S. winner Centisle and half-sister to the two-time Group 3 winner Sylvaner, who produced the G1 Kenilworth Cape Derby winner Atyaab.



Whale Song Winning the Listed Easter Cup



SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS



THE CORNER

with Garry Chittick



Well, where to start. It's like puncturing the BIG BALLOON, our relationship as suppliers of a small percentage of the Australian racing stock, punching as we always do, above our weight in their amazing racing carnivals

Why the puncture, well it seems at the end of the Championships like wow, it's all over for another year. You know, Sydney Easter done and dusted, the Queen Elizabeth Stakes behind us but, it's not. No, it's not all over to ignore Queensland's valiant efforts to keep pace with the Southern States, that is south of Queensland, would be unfair. Yes, there won't be a \$4m WFA but no owners will turn up their nose at both the status and money still on the table to see out the August to August year.

In amongst this Magic Millions weanling to broodmare to later yearlings sale is a great draw card to round out our dreams and aspirations. We are indeed fortunate to be part of the most exciting racing programmes in the world. We may well ask why them and not us. We wryly observe their interstate

competition and think even they must have a way to avoid these conflicts but that's Australia, they love it. The cut and thrust of who does it best. We are hidebound by our monopoly, should a club, an enterprising innovative individual promote a left field promotion it will be smothered before gestation.

Mr V'landys I have never met but one would be mean spirited not to acknowledge the advancement of Racing NSW under his leadership, the prospect of a 3200 metre spring race for \$5m he argues is not in opposition to the Melbourne Cup which, he rightly says is an event for unidentifiable hurdlers from Europe. No, he says let's have a contest of horses our customers can follow. Wouldn't we have loved it if Mr V'landys could have given us one day a week for a year, the bruised

egos aside, he, along with the Messara Report is exactly the combination we needed. Instead, we have morphed into a Government department with little advancement projected.

Enough of that, this is a positive Corner. I look in amazement at the sales results. I am the first to put up my hand and confess to being very negative prior to the sales, the clearance rate across the board is amazing, it might be better if our buyers can't inspect the horses, generally finding a reason not to buy. Te Akau again lead the way in NZ, David Ellis confirming the other day his purchases are fully syndicated, they are good at it, have had a great year, but you

still need buyers to step up to plate. I believe the excitement of our near neighbours racing carnival encourages participation here. Imagine contemplating a \$100k purchase with prospects of only racing in NZ, Australian racing carnivals are like annual Olympics, better still they have four such important opportunities for us a year, not a lot are going to make it but the aspiration, the measure of excellence is why we participate.

To make a dent in the Australasian results requires investment here, it is clear from the number of replacement sires offered to our Breeders this is becoming increasingly difficult.

When I first bred for sale, NZ bred horses racing in Australia accounted for 10% of their fields, I was always amazed at our results which in turn fostered our brand. We now provide 4% of their fields, imagine every 100 horses only four representing us. Once again we have punched above our weight it's just we have less fighting for us.

We at Waikato are proud of our contribution to these contests, there are those that believe there is a fair element of luck, but I can assure you there is a lot of investment in that luck.

Cheers,

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Garry and Mary Chittick