

Mark's Mail



Last weekend, we were very excited to watch **The Perfect Pink** win the G1 NZ 1000 Guineas. Long-term friends Tony and Vicki Rider, have been involved in **Savabeel** right from the word go, so we were extremely happy for their success!

As I write this, we are down to the last five mares in the foaling paddock. It's great to think we will (hopefully) have finished foaling by December. The past month has been big with us passing the halfway mark and the stallions still on fire. We're nearing 650 served mares this season, with up to 850 services (as of this week)! It's awesome to see so many positive pregnancy results and the big team efforts being rewarded.

This week's focus has been around the Ready to Run sale. We had a quality selection of horses expertly prepared by Ohukia Lodge's Jamie and Chanel Beatson. The results of this showed clearly where we topped Day 1 with our **Savabeel x Etiquette** colt.

Our Karaka yearlings have been kept ticking over. They're in the boxes, being groomed, washed and educated through handling. They'll get turned out for December, which I believe will benefit them both mentally and physically. It'll also benefit our staff to have a little breather!

NZB Ready to Run Sale 2021



We are extremely proud to have bred and raised such a quality draft of horses for the 2021 NZB Ready to Run Sale. Jamie and Chanel Beatson of Ohukia Lodge have done an outstanding job preparing these horses for sale.

On Wednesday 17th, we saw five of the draft go through the online ring. Our Savabeel x Etiquette colt (Lot 107) was by far the highlight, topping Day 1 with the \$640,000 winning bid going to Te Akau Racing's David Ellis. The Savabeel x Daisy Chain gelding (Lot 83) was sold to Phill Cataldo Bloodstock /Mick Price Racing for \$200,000.
On Thursday 18th, our Sacred Falls x Movie colt, a half brother to our own G1 Flight S. winner Never Been Kissed, sold to Bjorn Baker/Group 1 Bloodstock for \$600,000.

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Staff Profile of the week



Jess Greenfield - Wet Mares/Vet Assistant

How long have you been at Waikato Stud? What have been your roles and what is

your current role? I started working at Waikato Stud in 2018 doing yearling prep, then after the sales I went over to Courtza where I got to ride some pretty cool young horses like All Hallows Eve, Bargain and It Might Be You. I now work with the wet mares and when I'm not busy there, I help Trent our vet with any treatments around the farm.

What does a usual day look like for you?

My day starts at the wet mares, where I get mares in that are needed for vet work. I then head to the foaling unit and assists vets in taking bloods off the one-day-old foals, then I help with any mares and foals that are under treatment. Then it's back to the crush to do more vet work. My afternoons are normally going round with Trent to help treat and care for any horses that are sick or needing treatment, which includes everything from giving fluids to foals or changing bandages on yearlings!

Who is your favourite WS racehorse and why? Or foal on the farm? My favourite mare would have to be It Might Be You who is in foal to Tivaci. After nursing her through her injury when she was in pre-training at Courtza, to watching her win her first start at Te Rapa makes her a little bit special.

Favourite memory at WS?

One of my favourite moments from this season would have to be getting to go in and watch / help with elective c-sections on a mare at the clinic and seeing both mum and baby pull through with flying colours!

What time of year do you enjoy the most on the stud? Favourite time of year would have to be the foaling season. It's always busy but there is something new everyday to keep it interesting.

How did you become involved in the industry? I started riding when I was nine, then I got my first pony when I was 10 years old and I have absolutely loved horses ever since.

The Waikato Gallery

This week in the Waikato Gallery, we caught some lovely scenes of the yearlings in their rugs and some pretty happy mares and foals hanging out living the WS dream.



WINNER'S CELEBERATION



The Perfect Pink (2018 Savabeel x The Solitaire filly)

Savabeel made it a two from two Guineas wins, with The Perfect Pink claiming victory in the G1 NZ 1000 Guineas on Saturday. This followed on from the win of Noverre (Savabeel x Magic Dancer) in the G1 NZ 2000 Guineas the week prior. The Perfect Pink became his 26th individual Group 1 winner. Ridden by Opie Bosson and trained by Jaime Richards, there was slight doubt about her ability on soft ground but she soon settled any concerns.

"It's an amazing feeling and I had to make a long run on her. The plan was to go wide to get on to the better ground and I had Savabeel on my side." Opie Bosson

This week on Garry's Corner



Hi you four. Mary and I are having a change of pace, we are in Queenstown on our way to the eighth wonder of the world, Milford Sound.

The wander around Queenstown was a stark lesson on the effects of COVID-19. There are very few people here, it reminds you of one of those movies where the wind whips up the rubbish and dust.

Does it matter to us? Of course it does as we need prosperous people and as a country, we need active commerce. Governments can only print so much money, we all think we are better off, but really we just have more paper - no it's not even paper now, just computerised book entries.

Fortunately the horse market reflects the money supply. In my years in the industry, increased credit is reflected in prices for our product. My sales pitch was 'breed money,' for all that it still requires a bit of luck, skill, and tenacity as it is not always straightforward. But that's life.

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WHAT'S HOT THIS WEEK FROM MICHAEL COLEMAN

The **winner of 2131 races**, an amazing 192 of those at Group/Listed level, local royalty Mickey Coleman (also known as 'The King') has retired from racing and begun his next chapter at Waikato Stud.

The King's Tips

WS BRED: SLAVE TO LOVE
Slave To Love (2017 Savabeel x Moochi Me mare)
Jockey: Danielle Johnson
Trainer: Peter & Dawn Williams
She ran an impressive 2nd in her last start at Matamata in the Farirview Motors H.
Upcoming Race: Saturday 20th November, Te Rapa, G2 Auckland Thoroughbred Breeders S. 1400m, Race 8
OUTSIDER: MISS AOTEAROA
Miss Aotearoa (2017 Per Incanto x Danex mare)
Jockey: Opie Bosson
Trainer: Jamie Richards

She ran a close second in her last start at this track in the Waikato RC Bevin Allen Memorial H.

Upcoming Race: Saturday 20th November, Te Rapa, Stella Artois Qualifier, 1400m, Race 2

COMPETITION TIME!



We have had some great foals this season on the farm doing particularly funny things, of which we have managed to capture on film! So we thought it was time for you to share your photo by any photos by any of our stallions.

Please email all your funny foal images by 1st December 2021 to **grace@waikatostud.co.nz**, to be in with a chance to win some WS merchandise, first prize will be receive a gorgeous WS hoodie, and the two runner-ups will receive a wicked WS cap.

We look forward to seeing all your funny images!

Racing News

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Piñata Mare & Foal Series Ep 01

On a stunning winter morning with a heavy Waikato frost, Piñata felt it was time to foal! She delivered a gorgeous Ardrossan filly. It's a quiality family, featuring Mackintosh, Anacheeva and Brando.

Piñata Mare & Foal Series Ep 02

After Episode 01 was viewed by 1 million viewers on social media, we start the journey following this gorgeous duo and get to know both Piñata and her foal.

Piñata Mare & Foal Series Ep 03

This week we hear the story behind Piñata and her one eye and the process she goes through to make sure she's ready for her next visit to Ardrossan.

Piñata Mare & Foal Series Ep 04

We check in on how regular trimming and assessments have improved the filly's front leg conformation, and complete Piñata's 15day pregnancy scan.

Piñata Mare & Foal Series Ep 05

We catch up with Piñata after her recent positive 45 day scan back to Ardrossan, with which everyone is super stoked. Her Ardrossan is developing into an incredibly impressive type and we're so excited to follow her journey!

A day in the life of a WS stallion

Take a behind the scenes look into the life of our gentleman WS stallions and how they keep fit and healthy during the season.

Bill & Suzi Pomare visit WS

We caught up with trainer and breeders, Bill & Suzi Pomare on their exciting new Ocean Park colt and G1 winning Ocean Billy's amazing achievements so far.

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