



PEDIGREE ANALYSIS FOR

DRACARYS



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2014 BROWN STALLION

SNITZEL - NOCTURNELLE (by Elusive Quality)

Dracarys' Gr.3 winning granddam *Dama de Noche* is bred on a Snippets/Danehill cross whilst his sire Snitzel is bred on the opposite - giving him a 3 X 4 cross of Danehill and a 3 X 3 cross of Snippets with a further strain of the latter's sire Lunchtime appearing via Canny Lad.

With his close up Danehill duplication, it would be more desirable to tap into the influence of that great stallion's family (via mainly Halo and Machiavellian) than to seek further strains of him. Northern Dancer is also from this prolific Natalma/Almahmoud family and Dracarys carries seven strains - Danzig (via Danehill) twice, Nijinsky II, Grand Chaudiere (via Snippets) twice, Storm Bird and Hero's Honor.


There have been several successful members of the Halo sire line standing in Australia, the stand-out being his grandson More Than Ready who has some lovely things in common with Snitzel - and the pair have combined in the pedigrees of six stakes winners from 75 runners; an 8% black-type ration with an excellent overall strike rate of 75.8%; the most recent success story being the Gr.1 filly Media Award.

Snitzel carries three strains of the famed matriarch La Troienne via Buckpasser, Mr Busher and Hitting Away whilst More Than Ready is a direct descendant, as is his dam sire Woodman - and he also has Bimelech and further Buckpasser. The Hitting Away strain comes through Snippets (he is his third dam sire) and with Dracarys' cross of that stallion the La Troienne influence is magnified - plus Dracarys' dam sire Elusive Quality is out of a mare by Hero's Honor, another La Troienne descendant.

Better Than Ready mares are of particular interest as he carries yet more La Troienne via Poker and Jet Action. As are mares by other members of the Halo sire line such as Dubleo (provides for Secretariat, Nijinsky II and In Reality crosses), Don't Say Halo (descendant of La Troienne), Deep Impact (hails from the same family as Elusive Quality's sire Gone West) and Irgun (out of a Secretariat mare).

Machiavellian (who is out of a Halo mare; hence a double dose of the family) is best represented in Australia by his outstanding son Street Cry. Of great interest for Dracarys are mares by his sons Street Boss (La Troienne via Francis S) and Per Incanto (his second dam sire Try My Best hails from the same family as Redoute's Choice).

Machiavellian is the dam sire of Shamardal whose grandsire Storm Cat is bred on the same Storm Bird/Secretariat cross as Dracarys. Of note for Dracarys are mares by Puissance de Lune (carries three Halo strains), Captain Sonador (hails from the same prolific Gibside Fairy family as Danzig and Bletchingly, both of whom feature in Dracarys) and Lope de Vega (line-bred to Machiavellian and Halo).



This family has had a number of members stand at stud in Australia; such as El Moxie, Youthful Legs, Gleam Machine, Eagle Eyed, Catrail, Nuclear Freeze and Orpen.

Dracarys' Snippets cross make him an interesting prospect for line-breeding to that stallion's dam Easy Date; also third dam of Zizou (and grandam of Not A Single Doubt but the close up Redoute's Choice duplication is not ideal). Easy Date is a descendant of the successful broodmare Tedmelia who can also be found in I Am Invincible (also has Atan from the family of Gone West whilst his sire Invincible Spirit is from the Gibside Fairy family) who has combined with Snitzel in the pedigrees of only 16 runners so far - 12 (75%) of whom are winners including the stakes winner Supreme Idea.

I Am Invincible's second dam sire Zoffany (also found in O'Lonhro) is by Our Native whose fourth dam is Tedmelia. It is also worth seeking strains of other family members such as Rodrigo de Triano, Polish Laughter and Bold Aussie.

Snippets is out of a mare by Grand Chaudiere, descendant of Sunshot whose Kentucky Oaks winning descendant Lalun is prolific in Australian pedigrees via her sons Bold Reason (dam sire of Sadler's Wells and Fairy King) and Never Bend (sire of Mill Reef and Riverman).

Other Sunshot descendants include Wolver Hollow, Shinko Forest, New Approach, Solferino, Windsor Lad, No Robbery, Our Babu, King Of The Tudors and No Faith.

Snippets' second dam sire Misty Day is a son of the wonderful mare Grey Flight who has really proven her worth as a line-breeding subject. Her other descendants include Secret Savings, First Consul (second dam sire of Lonhro), What A Pleasure (most easily found in Tale Of The Cat, Scenic and Snaadee), Sovereign Dancer, Gray Phantom and Priolo.

Also of interest in regards to Secret Savings is his strain of Hasty Road, half-brother to Redoute's Choice's fourth dam sire Traffic Judge.

Snitzel's family is also worth line-breeding to, noting that he has combined very nicely (four stakes winners including the Golden Slipper winner Estijaab from just 32 runners; 23 winners = 71.9%) with Charge Forward whose second dam sire Valid Appeal is a grandson of Snitzel's fifth dam Scotch Verdict.

Snitzel and The Minstrel are also combining well (70.3% winners-to-runners; four stakes winners) with the latter being a 3/4 brother to Redoute's Choice's second dam sire Nijinsky II; the Canadian Oaks heroine Flaming Page duplicated.

Back to La Troienne; she has great influence in Australia via the likes of Woodman, Rhythm, Caerleon, Forest Glow, Air de France, Belong To Me, Yamanin Vital, Monashee Mountain, Hula Chief, Noble Bijou and Congrats whose high class third dam Glowing Tribute is the dam of Hero's Honor.



Look also for strains of Bimelech, The Axe II, Francis S, Great Captain, Cohoes, Tropical Breeze, Easy Goer, Chem, Go For Gin, Pleasant Tap, Mogami, Benefit Performer, Polish Navy, Sea Hero, Al Ameen, Kimberley Mine, Busher, Hook Money, Make Tracks, Nasty And Bold, Daring Young Man, Bold And Brave, Smarty Jones, Naevus, Beau Brummel, Private Account, Poker and Jet Action. The latter two both appear close up in the pedigree of My Charmer, dam of Seattle Slew (features in the pedigrees of eight of Snitzel's stakes winners including the Gr.1 gallopers Snitzerland and Heavenly Blue) and Lomond.

Dracarys' dam sire Elusive Quality hails from, and is line-bred to, the family of Seattle Slew and Lomond - that which has as its ancestress the great Frizette, also ancestress of Elusive Quality's grandsire Mr Prospector.

And so strains of Seattle Slew and Lomond are all the more desirable as are strains of other Frizette descendants such as Artie Schiller, Jugah, Tourbillon, Djeddah, Daliapour, Bahri, Bahhare, Shecky Greene, Tiger, Roy, Bailjumper, Bold Native, Baldric, Bismark II, Heart Of Darkness, Gold And Ivory, Prince True and Mukaddamah (whose multiple stakes winning grandam Natasha is the third dam of Elusive Quality).

Dracarys' cross of Danehill gives him two strains of His Majesty whose full brother Graustark is the dam sire of Elusive Quality's dam sire Hero's Honor - giving him a 6 X 7 X 7 cross of the wonderful mare Flower Bowl. One of the great modern day line-breeding subjects, she can also be found in Whiskey Road (her grandson) whilst her dam Flower Bed is the fourth dam of Our Poetic Prince. Strains of the full brothers Majestic Prince and Crowned Prince (dam sire of Zeditave) are also worth seeking with their third dam Boudoir II being Flower Bowl's grandam.



The Danehill sire line has traditionally fared well with Sir Tristram and mares from this line are a nice fit for Dracarys with Sir Tristram's legendary dam sire Round Table hailing from the same internationally prolific family as Elusive Quality's sire Gone West - that descending from the famed matriarch Aloe.

Gone West has a number of close relations to seek out; namely Atan (his dam, the proven high class line-breeding subject Mixed Marriage is Gone West's third dam) - most easily found in Invincible Spirit/I Am Invincible and Danehill Dancer/Choisir (further Danehill but a bit further back in the pedigree), Known Fact (son of Gone West's grandam Tamerett) and Tentam (son of Tamerett).

Look also for strains of Aureole, Tell (sire of Pompeii Court), Deep Impact, Doutelle, Above Suspicion, Nashwan, Unfuwain, Imperialist, Robellino, Voodoo Rhythm, Dance Spell, Alcide, Kingstone, Red Tony, Song Of Tara, Second Empire, Hemingway, Ihtiram, Balestrini and Marju.

Strains of the latter are especially desirable as he is by Last Tycoon (grandsire of Written Tycoon and sire of O'Reilly) who combines so well with Redoute's Choice (55 stakes winners including nine Gr.1 winners) - this success not surprising considering that Last Tycoon's sire Try My Best is a grandson of the wonderful mare Best In Show, fourth dam of Redoute's Choice.

Best In Show (also grandam of El Gran Senor) is a proven high class line-breeding subject who can also be found in Domesday, Spinning World, Gielgud, Dr Johnson, Thewayyouare, Masterclass, Xaar, Good Journey, Denon, Umatilla, Rubick, Al Maher, Manhattan Rain and Hurricane Sky with the last four of those hailing from the same branch of this family as Redoute's Choice.

One of the most successful methods of line-breeding is to tap into the influence of a stallion's own family and Dracarys hails from one which has produced a high class stallion in the shape of Bernardini, the four times Gr.1 winner whose sixth dam Fast Line is Dracarys' seventh dam. Bernardini spent eight seasons in Australia and has a good number of daughters at stud locally. As a grandson of Seattle Slew he is a great fit for Dracarys.

Intergaze still has daughters at stud and his Gr.1 winning third dam Magazine is the fifth dam of Dracarys.

Some less prolific stallions also hail from this family but can pop up on occasions - Lord Jim, Filiberto, Torison, Body Check, On The Sly, Garcia, Dai Jin and Muhtathir.



There are several other classy mares within Dracarys' pedigree worthy of duplication, such as the Epsom Oaks winner Homeward Bound whose grandson Super Concorde is Dracarys' fourth dam sire (look for strains of Homeward Bound's son Beaufort Sea), Banish Fear (dam of Dracarys' fifth dam sire Prince John whose close relation Cosmic Bomb is Halo's dam sire) and Motto (dam sire of Sir Ivor to whom Dracarys is line-bred - also the fourth dam of Palace Music).

Also worth noting is the broodmare sires Snitzel has sired multiple stakes winners with - Bel Esprit (bred on the same Nijinsky II/Silly Season cross as Dracarys), Encosta de Lago (the Sunshot influence via Bold Reason), Fraar (out of a Seattle Slew mare), French Deputy (descendant of the 1841 born mare Magnolia as is Dracarys), Fusaichi Pegasus (Halo is his second dam sire), General Nediym (his sire Nediym is a descendant of the high class broodmare Diableretta whose son Coeur Volant is the second dam sire of Redoute's Choice's dam sire Canny Lad), Gold Fever (out of a mare by Majestic Light, son of Majestic Prince from the His Majesty/Graustark family) and Lonhro (Grey Flight influence via First Consul).

As well as Mister C (from the same family as Sun Again who features in the pedigree of Snitzel's second dam sire Storm Bird), O'Reilly (grandson of Try My Best), Red Ransom (brings in a female strain of Northern Dancer's sire Nearctic), Starcraft (Feola family influence via Pompeii Court/Tell), Tale Of The Cat (Feola descendant), Timber Country (son of La Troienne's descendant Woodman) and Zabeel (by Sir Tristram = Round Table).

And so Dracarys is a stallion who will match up nicely with a variety of sire lines; just being wary that more close up Danehill is best to be avoided unless supported by a good degree of strong female line-breeding.



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