

Haunui Farm Update

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Haunui Farm 2009 Stallion Roster & Service Fees

Following the resolute win of four-year-old mare **Divine Rebel (NZ)** (Don Eduardo) in the Listed Epona Stakes at Rosehill at the end of March and another stakes performing run by three-year-old **Ahdashim (NZ)** (Elusive City), Haunui Farm has announced their stallion roster and service fees for the 2009 season.

Siring five individual stakes performers in the current season to date, AJC Derby-winner **Don Eduardo (NZ)** (Zabeel) is emerging as a sire showing a degree of versatility in his progeny leaving both sprinting and staying types. Divine Rebel's courageous win in the Epona Stakes saw her join Group Three-winner **Vickezzchardonnay (NZ)** on her sire's honour's board, which also features the stakes performers **Dashing Donna**, **Lara's Glitter**, **Booming** and **II**

Divo. "If it weren't for some very small margins, Don Eduardo could easily be the sire of a Group One-winning sprinter and four Group winners," says Mark Chitty, General Manager of Haunui Farm. Additional to these stakes performers, Don Eduardo has a raft of promising horses that could extend his record by season's end including the Gooree Park Stud-owned/Gai Waterhouse-trained pair of **Swift Alliance (Aus)** and the unbeaten three-year-old filly **Autumn Ember (Aus)**. In recognition of the current economy and the stallion market, Don Eduardo will stand for a fee of \$7,000 + GST in 2009.

Despite being crowned Champion First Season Sire of Europe and with a host of promising racehorses throughout Australasia, **Elusive City (USA)** (Elusive Quality) will once again stand for a fee of \$8,000 + GST. A Champion two-year-old himself and the winner of the Group One Prix Morny in one of the fastest times ever, Elusive City sired six stakes horses in Europe in 2008 including Group Three-winner and Group One-performer **Elusive Wave (Ire)**, Group Three-winner and Goffs Million-winner **Soul City (Ire)**, whilst in the Southern Hemisphere stakes-placed two-year-

old Metropolitan (NZ) came out at three to claim black type success, **Ahdashim (NZ)** has been placed twice at Listed level in Sydney and two-year-old **Spirit Of Unicorn (NZ)** notched up a Group Two placing in the Wakefield Challenge Stakes (1200m). "For Elusive City to be named Champion First Season Sire in Europe and to already see two stakes performing three-year-olds in the North is very exciting for a New Zealand-owned stallion," said Mark. "The results are

starting to come in Australasia too - he has had ten winners from fifteen starters in Australia this season, two winners and a second from three starters in Hong Kong and two stakes horses in New Zealand," he said. "His sales results at Karaka were also particularly pleasing where he had the top two lots at the Festival Sale of \$77,500, and \$75,000," said Mark. "Given the market, those are very telling figures when looking at a horse standing at \$8,000," he said.



Last season's newcomer **Iffraaj (GB)** (Zafonic) will return to Haunui in 2009 off the back of serving a full book of mares in his first Southern Hemisphere season. The three-time Group Two-winning son of **Zafonic (USA)** (Gone West) covered a number of high quality mares to get his career off to the best possible start in 2008, and in 2009, he will once again stand for a fee of \$12,000 + GST. "Iffraaj proved very popular among New Zealand breeders last season and I was delighted with the quality of mare he received in his first season at Haunui," said Mark. With the likes of Group One winners **Fayreform (NZ)** (Tights) and **La Bella Dama (NZ)** (Desert Sun), Group One producers **Centuria (NZ)** (Centaine) and **Label Basher (NZ)** (Conquistarose), stakes performers **Echo Beach (Aus)** (Prince Echo), **Pastel (NZ)** (Grosvenor), **Passionella (Aus)** (Falvelon), **Kinetic (NZ)** (Jetball), **The Perfume Garden (NZ)** (Tights) and **Foxy Blonde (NZ)** (Volkraad) as well as numerous stakes producers due to foal to him this season, Iffraaj certainly has a quality first crop of Southern Hemisphere foals on the way in 2009. "He was a top class racehorse held in the highest regard which is reflected in his International and Timeform Ratings, he is a very close



relation to Cape Cross who has already proved so successful when crossed with New Zealand mares and, he has that all-important speed element as well,” said Mark. “When looking at the stallions available to breeders in New Zealand, we believe Iffraaj represents great value,” he said.

All Haunui Farm stallions will serve a limited book of 120 mares in the 2009 season. “While remaining competitive with other stallion standing farms, we are mindful of protecting everyone’s investment and in particular the broodmare owner,” said Mark. For more information in regard to any of the Haunui stallions, please feel free to contact Mark Chitty – 021 663 995 – or Shannon Taylor – 0212 855 513.

Jungle Rocket Adds Name to Haunui Honours Board

Three-year-old filly **Jungle Rocket (NZ)** (Jungle Pocket) added her name to the Haunui Farm Honours Board with a stunning victory in the Group One New Zealand Oaks (2400m) at only her fourth start.

Bred by Roger Lam, Jungle Rocket was born and raised at Haunui and was sold at the 2006 NZB Weanling Sale due to the dispersal of some of Roger’s New Zealand-based bloodstock. Purchased by the astute John Camerson on behalf of Louise Betts of New South Wales, the filly only spent a few days off the farm at the sales complex and returned to Haunui under her new ownership. “John asked if we would be happy to manage the filly through on behalf of her new owners,” said Mark.

Upon their first visit to Haunui to see their new purchase, Craig and Louise Betts and David and Cynthia Pleas-

ance also asked to see the filly’s dam, Gu Li - they ended up buying her too! “It is quite remarkable really because as they were based in Australia, they hadn’t seen the filly in the flesh and after seeing some photos of her and receiving some comments from others, were a little worried,” said Mark. “I wonder what those people are saying now!” he said. “As a family, they get a lot of pleasure out of the horses so there were lots of phonecalls, emails and photos to keep them updated,” said Mark. “Given that they purchased the filly as a weanling, there was a lot of time when there wasn’t really much happening because all she was doing was growing out,” said Mark. “It was a bit of a long wait until she was broken in and she was among the last that we did break-in as she just needed that bit more time,” he said.

Purchased as a weanling, Jungle Rocket was grown out at Haunui and broken in at Haunui by Luke Geddes, the Yearling and Breaking-In Manager at the time, before heading to Jeff McVean’s for her first preparation. “This result is a huge testament to Jeff and his skills as a horseman,” said Mark. “This filly



was a maiden at the beginning of February and in the second week of March, she is a Group One-winner at only her fourth start - that’s not a fluke,” he said.

Now the owners of a Group One filly and a Group One-producing mare, the

Betts’ and the Pleasance’s have a lot to look forward to with Jungle Rocket set to head across the Tasman for a tilt at the Queensland Oaks. They also have a **Don Eduardo (NZ)** (Zabeel) yearling colt who is currently being broken-in and will head toward the Ready-to-Run Sale in November and, a Don Eduardo two-year-old filly who has been retained to race. This season the mare is due to foal to **Savabeel (NZ)** (Zabeel).

Jungle Rocket became the ninth Group One-winner to have been bred, raised or sold by Haunui Farm in the last four years. “Up until Saturday we’d had six stakes performers so far this season,” said Mark. “It’s nice to get that stakes win on the board for the year and it’s a Group One no less!”

Success Keeps Rolling for Elusive City

Champion First Season Sire of Europe, **Elusive City (USA)** (Elusive Quality) has wasted no time in chalking up further points on the board with his first Northern Hemisphere crop producing two stakes performers in the early part of the European flat racing season.

First was **Estoril City (Fr)** (Elusive City) who became a new stakes performer for his sire when finishing second in the Listed Prix Montenica (1300m) at Deauville in mid-March. From an eight start career to date, the three-year-old has been a consistent performer at the racetrack with three wins, two seconds and a third with his stakes placing making him the seventh individual stakes performer from Elusive City’s first Northern Hemisphere crop.

Stakes placed at two, three-year-old filly **Nashmiah (Ire)** (Elusive City) franked her two-year-old form with a win in the Listed Spring Cup (1400m) at Lingfield to win by a very comfort-

able three-length margin. Trained by Clive Brittain, the filly is well on target for a tilt at the Group One 1000 Guineas.

“It’s good to see Elusive City’s Northern Hemisphere crop has trained on at three and he hasn’t taken long to get further black type success,” said Mark Chitty. With 94 foals from his first Northern Hemisphere crop, Elusive City has a stakes performers to foals ratio of 7.4% and with 63 runners has a stakes winners to runners ratio of 11%..

Elusive City has enjoyed a stellar run of success in Australia over recent weeks with the Gerald Ryan-trained **Ahdashim (NZ)** notching up two stakes placings and, the Peter Moody-trained filly **Returntosender (NZ)** winning impressively and heading toward the Queensland Oaks.

“Elusive City has had 10 individual winners in Australia from just fifteen starters – 66% winners to runners – that’s a pretty impressive statistic,” said Mark. “He has a stakes performer in Sydney and Metropolitan has backed up her stakes win and stakes placing earlier this season with another stakes placing,” he said. “We’re pretty excited about his prospects and I think we have good reason to be!”

Divine Rebel Breaks Through for Don Eduardo

Emerging stayer **Divine Rebel (NZ)** (Don Eduardo) became her sire’s first Australian stakes winner in March when taking out the Listed Epona Stakes (1600m) in impressive fashion. Caught wide early, she was pushed forward by jockey Kerryn McEvoy to sit just outside the leader. Turning into the Rosehill straight, the four-year-old mare hit the front early and was headed in the run home but in fighting fashion, came back to claim that all-important black type success after a last start third in the Group Three VRC Matron Stakes (1600m).

Divine Rebel will chase further spoils at Randwick on Derby Day when she lines up in the Group Two Chairman’s Handicap (2600m).

“Don Eduardo now has five stakes performers from his first crop,” said Mark Chitty. “With his service fee now reduced to \$7,000 this season, he looks to be very good value,” he said.

Weanling Draft Coming Along Nicely

Haunui Farm’s draft of 16 weanlings are well into their preparation for the upcoming New Zealand Bloodstock Weanling Sale beginning on the 4th of May. With weanlings by a variety of sires including first season sire **Fast N Famous (Aus)** (Redoute’s Choice) and the successful **Show A Heart (Aus)** (Brave Warrior), Haunui’s draft also features a select number of weanlings by Haunui’s successful stallion duo of **Don Eduardo (NZ)** (Zabeel) and **Elusive City (USA)** (Elusive Quality).

“We carried out our initial weanling inspections straight after Karaka so the weanlings in our sale draft have had a nice preparation for the sale,” said Mark Chitty. “We can only prepare 45 yearlings each year so we always have to sell a number of weanlings each season purely because of numbers,” he said. “Our most recent weanling sale success story is Jungle Rocket who won the New Zealand Oaks last month so we are not just getting rid of cast-offs,” said Mark. “We have also sold the likes of Justa Kinda Magic who has won three from five this season and, Norse Affair who has won and been placed three times this season – we will be selling a half brother to her at this sale by Elusive City,” he said.

Buyers have also had some good yearling sale results through purchasing from the Haunui weanling draft. “Recent ones that spring to mind are two Van Nistelrooy colts that were both sold for \$27,000 as weanlings and later sold as yearlings for \$70,000,” said Mark. “We also sold at Cape Cross colt for \$48,000 and he fetched \$150,000 as a yearling,” he said. Astute buyers should definitely be coming to inspect our weanlings,” says Mark.

Horses to Follow

Dashing Donna (NZ) (Don Eduardo) – Group One Easter Hcp (1600m) at Ellerslie on 11/04/09

Divine Rebel (NZ) (Don Eduardo) – Group Two Chairman’s Hcp (2600m) at Randwick 11/04/09

Ahdashim (NZ) (Elusive City) – Listed Hall Mark Stakes (1200m) at Randwick 13/04/09

Valpolicella (NZ) (Red Ransom) – The Age Hcp (1400m) at Moonee Valley 11/04/09. “Her last start should just be written off as she lined up over 1100m after only having a barrier trial,” said Mark Chitty. “She should be much improved from that and we would just like to see her finishing on nicely this weekend,” said Mark.

Haunui Stallions '09



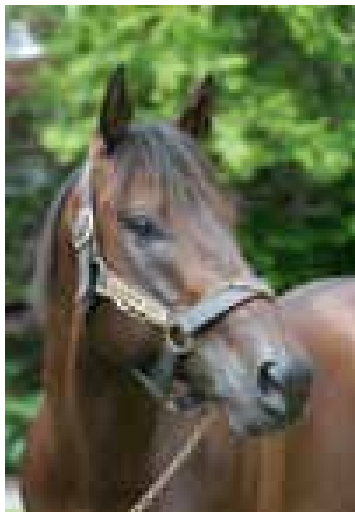
Your Best Match For Success



Iffraaj (GB) (Zafonic - Pastorale by Nureyev)

- Three-time G2 winner
- International Rating 128
- Timeform Rating 127
- Covered outstanding book of mares in first Southern Hemisphere Crop

2009 Service Fee - \$12,000 + GST (free return)



Elusive City (USA) (Elusive Quality - Star Of Paris by Dayjur)

- Champion First Season Sire of Europe 2008
- Seven individual stakes performers from first NH Crop
- 11% stakes performers to runners ratio in NH
- Sire of stakes winner Metropolitan & multiple stakes placed Ahdashim in SH
- Sire of 10 winners from 15 starters in Australia to date this season

2009 Service Fee - \$8,000 + GST (free return)



Don Eduardo (NZ) (Zabeel - Diamond Lover by Sticks and Stones)

- Sire of Group winner Vickézchardonnay and stakes winner in Australia Divine Rebel
- Sire of five stakes performers since January 1st 2009
- Getting winners every week throughout Australasia
- A versatile stallion leaving sprinters & stayers

2009 Service Fee - \$7,000 + GST

