

# HAUNUI FARM UPDATE

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## First Group Winner for Don Eduardo

After being so close but yet so far on a number of occasions in black type events, four-year-old mare Vিকেzzchardonnay (NZ) (Don Eduardo) finally broke through for that all-important black type win at Taranaki last month and in doing so, became the first stakes winner for her sire Don Eduardo (NZ) (Zabeel).

Third in the Group Two New Zealand Cup (3200m), a luckless fourth in the Wellington Cup (2400m) after rider Craig Grylls dropped his whip in the run home and a fast finishing fourth in the Group One Auckland Cup (3200m), Vিকেzzchardonnay has been a stand out performer from her sire's first crop with five wins and eight placings to her credit from a 23 start career that has amassed over \$200,000 in earnings to date. Whilst her Group Three victory was well deserved, one can't help but wonder if there aren't bigger spoils on the horizon?

"Until Vিকেzzchardonnay won at Taranaki, Don Eduardo had had three horses beaten by less than half a length in Group races," said Mark Chitty, General Manager of Haunui Farm referring to the placings of Il Divo in the Group Two Great Northern Guineas (2100m) and the Group Three Waikato Guineas (2000m) and Dashing Donna's placings in the Group Two Concorde Stakes (1200m) and the Group One Railway Stakes (1200m). Don Eduardo also has a stakes performer in Australia in the form of three-year-old filly Lara's Glitter, runner up

in the Listed Hobart Guineas (2100m). "His progeny have been knocking on the door for a while and Dashing Donna and Vিকেzzchardonnay were both very close fourths in Cup Day," said Mark.

In Australia, Don Eduardo also has the promising filly Autumn Ember (Aus) who has won two from two for Gooree Park Stud and trainer Gai Waterhouse. She is set to line up over a mile at Warwick Farm on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March and will then target a Listed race for three-year-old fillies at Kembla Grange and if she were to run well, the Arrowfield Stakes and the AJC Oaks would then be on her agenda. "She is obviously a filly that they hold in high regard so if she can take the right steps, she will have every opportunity to line up in the AJC Oaks which would be very exciting," said Mark. Also in Australia and also owned by Gooree Park is sprinter Swift Alliance (Aus) (Don Eduardo) who is back in pre-training and will be headed toward a Queensland campaign.

With 34 individual winners to date, this season has seen the emergence of a number of exciting prospects for Don Eduardo such as St Leger candidates Cadonna (NZ) who has three wins and four placings to her credit from only a ten-start career and Booming (NZ), a two-time winner and three-time place getter from just eight starts.

"Don Eduardo is really proving himself to be a versatile stallion leaving a Group One-placed sprinter in Dashing

Donna and then a number of very nice staying types," said Mark. "I'm excited about the prospects of his current two-year-olds as they are the first crop bred here at Haunui and he has some good numbers coming through over the next few seasons which is important," he said.

Don Eduardo will serve a restricted book of mares at Haunui this coming season and his 2009 service fee will be announced shortly.



Don Eduardo

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## Winners Stacking Up for Don Eduardo

Off the back Divine Rebel (NZ) (Don Eduardo) stringing three-in-a-row together for trainer Mike Moroney, resident Haunui Farm stallion Don Eduardo (NZ) (Zabeel) sired another very impressive winner in Australia in the last week of October when the Gai Waterhouse-trained and Gooree Park-owned Swift Alliance (Aus) (Don Eduardo) blitzed his rivals by five-and-a-half lengths on debut at Rosehill.

Swift Alliance has always been held in high regard by his connections and is reported to be right up there with Gooree's top three-year-old colts. On debut, the colt jumped from a wide barrier to sit just outside the leader for most of the 1200m journey and turning for home, quickly put the race beyond doubt.

"It is great to see a nice three-year-old emerge for Don Eduardo this season,"

said Mark Chitty. "Andrew Baddock of Gooree Park Stud has always spoken highly of this colt and we have been waiting for him to hit the tracks," said Mark. "He showed a lot of promise at two and they did earmark a Queensland campaign for him however, he went shin sore and was duly given the time he needed," he said. "Based on that performance, you would have to say that everyone involved in the horse has been right on the money and hopefully he can go on to some nice black type events further down the track," said Mark.

Swift Alliance became the sixth individual winner for his sire in Australia so far this season whilst his tally in New Zealand was also boosted with the win of Don Domingo (NZ) (Don Eduardo) at Ellerslie on Melbourne Cup Day.

With two impressive runs under his belt this campaign,

Don Domingo lived up to the expectations of his trainer winning over a mile. "He's a very nice horse and still has a lot of developing to do yet," said trainer Graham Richardson straight after the race. "He's got a great temperament which all of the Don Eduardo's seem to have and I think this horse will win some nice races," he said.

Another to put in a strong performance for her sire at Ellerslie on Melbourne Cup Day was Vিকেzzchardonnay (NZ) (Don Eduardo).

On her way to a start in the Group Two New Zealand Cup (3200m) at Riccarton, the four-year-old mare put in another solid effort when finishing second over 2200m showing she is right on track for her tilt at the cup.

"He is starting to get on a bit of a roll with his winners of late which is pleasing to see," said Mark.

"Swift Alliance will step out again shortly and with Vিকেzzchardonnay, Divine Rebel and Dashing Donna all earmarked for black type racing, the next month or so looks very exciting for Don Eduardo," he said.

"We have a great crop of foals by Don Eduardo this season, some of the best we have had by him," said Mark, "and his top priced filly from last year won a trial very nicely for Lisa Latta at the end of October so hopefully we might see her hit the tracks shortly," he said.

Don Eduardo's tally of winners for the 2008/2009 season currently stands at ten. He stands at Haunui Farm in 2008 for a service fee of \$10,000 + GST.

## Iffraaj Making Light Work of Breeding Season

Haunui's first season sire Iffraaj (GB) (Zafonic) is making light work of covering his full book of 120 mares.

A three-time Group Two-winner, Iffraaj has covered over 100 mares already this season and through the month of November will work through his final number of mares for the season.

"He's very fertile and has been getting some very challenging mares in foal," says Mark Chitty.

With a full book since July, Iffraaj has created a great impression with New Zealand broodmare owners.

With his first crop of foals already on the ground in the Northern Hemisphere next Spring will be a very exciting time at Haunui and indeed around a number of farms in New Zealand as the arrival of Iffraaj's first Southern Hemisphere foals will be eagerly awaited.

"Our other two stallions at Haunui, Don Eduardo and Elusive City, are extremely dominant sires in terms of colour and type and from what I saw in Ireland earlier this year, Iffraaj is no different," said Mark.

Like his barn mates, Iffraaj has left foals all bay/brown in colour with very little white if any and, he has stamped them with good conformation, heads and bone.

"Iffraaj has covered some very nice mares this season including Fayreform, Anna's Choice, Danasia, Solveig's Song and Vaguely Jet to name a few and still has the likes of Scarlet Runner, The Perfume Garden and Rationaine to go," said Mark. "The book that he has covered in his first season will definitely hold him in good stead come sales time in 2011," he said.

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## RTR Draft Ready-to-Roll

Haunui Farm is well versed in selling drafts of Ready-to-Run horses. After all, the likes of dual Group One-winner Beechcraft (NZ) (Sea Anchor), Group Two-winner and AJC Derby runner-up Sir Clive (NZ) (Bigstone) and in 2007, Champion two-year-old of Singapore Onceuponatime (NZ) (Van Nistelrooy), are all graduates of Haunui's Ready-to-Run programme.

2009 will see one of Haunui's largest offerings in recent years with 16 two-year-olds to sell. "One of the best things about our draft this year is that a majority of the horses haven't been exposed to the market as yet," says Mark Chitty, General Manager of Haunui Farm. "We targeted this sale with a number of horses as we felt they would be better suited to this type of sale and leading into the sale, I'm pretty happy with that decision," said Mark.

"Our philosophy with our two-year-olds is probably a lot different to others as they don't leave the farm until about 6 weeks before the breeze-ups," he said. "They do a lot of work around the farm, we have three kilometres of races here so they do a lot of work around those as well as in some of the big paddocks," said Mark. "When they start their preparation for the breeze-ups, that is generally the first time they have been worked off the farm so they get further education in terms of going



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on the rail for the first time, going through the tie-ups and the like and think it's worked well for us as they're not wound up like coils and there is still plenty of improvement in them come sale time," said Mark.

Haunui's Ready-to-Run draft have been prepared by a number of different trainers, these being Gareth McCrae and Gary Newham, Jamie Graham and, Craig Ritchie. "Each of the trainers have done a great job in educating the horses and preparing them for the breeze-ups,"

said Mark.

With a number of exciting young sires represented such as Don Eduardo (NZ) (Zabeel), Elusive City (USA) (Elusive Quality), King's Chapel (Aus) (King Of Kings), One Cool Cat (USA) (Storm Cat) and Lohnro (Aus) (Octagonal) as well as the only colt in the sale by Giant's Causeway (USA) (Storm Cat) and a More Than Ready (USA) (Southern Halo) colt with a strong pedigree behind him, Haunui's 2008 RTR draft should have a horse to suit every buyer.

Video clips of Haunui's draft can be viewed by visiting the SALES section of the Haunui website:

[www.haunuifarm.co.nz](http://www.haunuifarm.co.nz)

and photographs will be uploaded in the second week of November.

For more information in regard to Haunui's Ready-to-Run Draft, please feel free to contact Mark Chitty—021 663 995—or Shannon Taylor—0212 855 513.

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## Foaling News

The number of foals born at Haunui has exceeded the one hundred mark and with just on 140 mares to foal in total, the breeding team has already started the countdown to the end of the new arrivals.

A particularly pleasing aspect of foaling this season has been the way that the mares have come through their foalings. This year, we have served an unprecedented number of mares off foal heat and have been achieving fantastic results so we are looking forward to the continuation of this trend through to the end of the season. "Mare's have contracted

down beautifully," says Mark Chitty whom whilst General Manager here at Haunui, also carries out all of the reproductive vet-work. "I don't think I've ever served as many mares off foal heat and they are going on to scan in foal which is obviously the result that we are after," he said. "Normally, we wouldn't look to breed as many foal heats until later in the season but the mare's are coming through foaling so well, we have had a go with a large number of them," said Mark.

Notable arrivals in the month of October include an O'Reilly

(NZ) (Last Tycoon) filly out of Group Three-winner and stakes producing mare The Perfume Garden (NZ).

Stakeswinner Midnight Madam (NZ) (Kaaopstad) produced a half sister to dual Group One-winner Perlin (NZ) (Carnegie) by Pins (Aus) (Snippets) on the 26th of October whilst Gimmee Moore (NZ) (Kreisler), the dam of Keith Konn, Haunui's Broodstake performer Superalloy (NZ) (Casual Lies) foaled a colt by Haunui's resident stallion Don Eduardo.

Also arriving in October was another member of the

Zabeel (NZ) (Sir Tristram) filly out of Riesling (NZ) (Last Tycoon). This filly is a half sister to Group Three-winner Valpolicella (NZ) (Red Ransom).

"October is traditionally a very busy month when it comes to foaling and this year was no different," said Keith Konn, Haunui's Broodstake performer Superalloy (NZ) (Casual Lies) foaled a team continue to do a great job and now we are into November, the number of mares due is below thirty—that's as long as Mark doesn't take anymore late foaling mares!" he said.



b f Pins—Midnight Madam



b f O'Reilly—The Perfume Garden

### Dezigna Finally Gets Group One Win!

Finally this month, a big congratulations to Haunui client Emma-Ann Evans on the win of Dezigna (NZ) (Volksraad) in the Group One Captain Cook Stakes (1600m). Seven-times Group One placed, Dezigna has been one of the most consistent top-liners of recent seasons. Out of Label Basher (NZ) (Conquistador), this season we eagerly await the arrival of a half brother to Dezigna by Don Eduardo.