

WELLFIELD LODGE

Handsome Ransom – Pedigree Analysis

Red Ransom is one of the few truly successful dual hemisphere stallions. He is a very prepotent horse with bloodlines that suit a wide variety of mares. From only limited crops in Australia he has sired top juveniles Charge Forward, Crimson Reign, our own Handsome Ransom and the outstanding speed filly Halibery. In the Northern Hemisphere Red Ransom is well established amongst the most elite sires in commission. He has left Champion 3YO's (Perfect Sting), Oaks winners (Bail out Becky, Casual Look), Champion Milers (Intikhab), and International Group One winners the calibre of Ekraar, and Ransom o War. Red Ransom's progeny have raced and won in a variety of countries (Europe, North America, Asia, Australia) and have proved supremely competitive wherever they have raced. A truly remarkable feat!

Handsome Ransom's pedigree offers many benefits to NZ breeders as he combines international bloodlines with the all important local performance and of course blistering speed. His dam Bianca Lancia is from a high class European family and is by the great sire and racehorse Mill Reef.

Red Ransom has shown a real affinity with mares carrying extra lines of the great mares Plucky Liege and Selene. Some of Red Ransom's top runners with extra Plucky Liege lines include Perfect Sting (whose dam also has additional Hyperion and War Relic) and outstanding colt Charge Forward who is also bred along very similar lines.

Local broodmare sires with a strong presence of Plucky Liege include: Sackford, Racing is Fun, Al Akbar, Success Express, Blue Razor, Classic Fame, Waikiki Star, One Pound Sterling, Cocky Golfer Tuscany Flyer, Sir Tristram, Kaapstad and other sons/grandsons of Sir Tristram. It is also worth including any mares with a line/s of Alydar, In Reality, Dr Fager and Turn To.

Broodmare sires with the Selene influence include: Star Way, Kingdom Bay, Sir Tristram, Deputy Governor, and those with lines of Hyperion, All Moonshine, Sickle, Pharamond, New Moon, Hunters Moon and Moon Priestess.

Mares with lines of War Relic/Speed Boat, In Reality, Habitat, Sir Ivor, Sir Gaylord, Nijinsky II, The Minstrel, Storm Bird and Danzig have already worked well with Red Ransom in both hemispheres. Some local sires that carry these lines are: Danehill, Volksraad, Express Duke, Ashabit, Generous,

Germano, Bassenthwaite, Daggers Drawn, Cicerao, Wild Rampage, Lord Ballina, Masterclass, Gold Brose, Ski Captain, Arch Sculptor, Private Call, Anziyan, Kashani, Slavic, Maroof, Blues Traveller, Bluebird, Fly to the Stars, Redoute's Choice, Umatilla, Flying Spur, San Luis, Diamond Express, Whiskey Road, Tights, Senor Pete, Green Perfume, Vision Quest, Chagall, Thunder Gulch etc.

Handsome Ransom's dam is by Mill Reef and one of the most successful nicks has been the Sadler's Wells / Mill Reef one. Therefore mares with a line of Sadler's Wells would be a worthwhile cross: eg King of Kings, Dream Well, Four Seasons, Victory Dance, Desert Fox, Montjeu. From another perspective mares by our resident sire Shinko King also appeal (as he is by Fairy King a full brother to Sadler's Wells). Close relatives Mellifont and Perugino also appeal as worthwhile crosses for Handsome Ransom.

Finally Bianca Lancia the dam of Handsome Ransom is linebred to the blue hen mare Nogara and her half brother Nesiotes (by Hurry On). To further reinforce this family Nogara's sons Nearco and Niccolo Dell Arca feature five times in Handsome Ransom's extended pedigree.