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FIRST FOAL FOR CHINESE DRAGON

08 AUG 2009

On the 8/8/09 La Prada a 5 time winning mare by Jetball Foaled a strapping chestnut colt by Chinese Dragon.

A big strong leggy colt with an attractive head are the comments so far received from people who have seen him.

We couldn't be happier with him and look forward to the rest arriving very soon.



Another Cracker For Chinese Dragon

18 AUG 2010

The first foal of the season for exciting resident stallion Chinese Dragon has been welcomed at Goodwood Stud with the arrival of a well-related colt.

"He's a nice, big strong fellow and a bay - he's very typical of the breed and they've all got good presence about them," studmaster William Fell said.

The newcomer is out of the Mi Preferido mare Mi Steel and a half-brother to Gr 1 Ellerslie Sires' Produce Stakes winner Mi Jubilee.

Another top mare for the dragon

09 NOV 2010

Chinese Dragon has another top mare to add to his book when Felicitous a daughter of montjeu out of happiness had her final scan last week. Felicitous first foal by One Cool Cat Praecido ran a gutsy 2nd in the VRC derby. The mare by montjeu is out of G1 winning mare Happiness.

Outstanding 2011 karaka Yearling draft

21 DEC 2010

Expectations and excitement are mounting at Goodwood Stud ahead of Karaka where the first crop of Chinese Dragon will be presented at the National Yearling Sales.

"We've got two Chinese Dragons in the Premier Sale with a colt out You Remember Me (Lot 145) who has had six to the track for six winners, including the stakes-winner Etoile Du Nord," Fell said.

"She's been a great producer and this colt is a spitting image of Chinese Dragon with a lot of quality about him and a great head."

Chinese Dragon's daughter (Lot 444) boasts a Gr 1 pedigree being a half-sister to the Ellerslie Sires' Produce Stakes winner and champion juvenile filly Mi Jubilee.

"This one is also very similar to her sire with a great look and shoulder. The Chinese Dragons are outstanding to deal with and we're pretty excited about his future."

Chinese Dragon Runs Hot At Karaka

15 FEB 2011

The first crop of Goodwood Stud's flagship stallion Chinese Dragon were hot property at Karaka with his yearlings selling for up to \$80,000.

The son of Stravinsky's youngsters were in keen demand throughout NZ Bloodstock's National Yearling Sales series.

"We were delighted with the response and the feedback on them was excellent," William Fell said.

"All the top trainers and buyers from Australia were looking at them and they've all gone to the right people."

Among those to secure Chinese Dragon youngsters were Te Akau and Wexford Stables and trainers Lisa Latta, Mike Breslin and Francis Finnegan.

"We've even got people coming to the farm in the next few weeks looking to buy them out of the paddock," Fell said.

Chinese Dragon's top lot was the half-sister to Gr 1 Ellerslie Sires' Produce Stakes winner Mi Jubilee offered by Goodwood on behalf of Wanganui breeder Gordon Lambert.

She was purchased by David Ellis for **\$80,000** and will be raced by the stud and American Dick Hale, who raced Chinese Dragon.

"We were keen to buy into the family and Jason Bridgman will be training her - hopefully she can be a Karaka Million filly," Fell said.

It was during the Select session that Latta went to **\$58,000** to secure her Chinese Dragon colt. The youngster is out of the winning Centaine mare Flytaine whose three foals to race have all won and include Mercury Mistress (Listed NZ Bloodstock Air Freight Stakes).

Quality draft of weanlings and broodmares for the upcoming Karaka mixed bloodstock sale

19 APR 2011

Goodwood stud will be presenting an annual unreserved clearance sale at Karaka this year. The draft is made up of weanlings all by the stud's foundation stallion in Chinese Dragon. His stock was very well received at the Karaka yearling sales selling up to \$ 80,000 and averaging 5 times his service fee. With great reports coming back from the breakers he will certainly be a sire to watch over the next 12 months.

First Dragon Makes Good Impression

26 SEP 2011

The first racetrack representative of Chinese Dragon has made an encouraging start to her career.

Juvenile filly Grace O'Malley finished a close-up fourth at Otaki after overcoming a tardy start.

She showed good speed to dispute the pace and kicked on bravely to finish less than a length from the winner.

Grace O'Malley is trained by part-owner Francis Finnegan and is out of the winning St Hilarion mare Molten Metal.

Chinese Dragon won seven times in his 13-start career and highlighted by his Gr 2 San Francisco Mile success.

Also placed at Gr 1 level in the Kilroe Mile, the striking son of Stravinsky retired to Goodwood Stud in 2008.

He has been well-received by breeders and stands this season at the attractive fee of \$5500 + GST.

Dragons Highly Popular At RTR Sale

21 NOV 2011

Chinese Dragon's colts were hot property at the Ready to Run Sale at Karaka with both the subject of spirited bidding.

The first into the ring was out of Mavis Davis and was knocked down to **Singapore** interests for **\$120,000**.

The mare won three races and is from the family of the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint placegetter Great Attack.

The second of the Chinese Dragons was purchased by Magus Equine, of **Hong Kong**, for **\$110,000**.

He is a colt out of the English-bred mare Obscure whose first foal Cricketer was a Goodwood Stud graduate.

By Choisir, he was a \$90,000 buy from the 2009 Premier Sale and has won from a handful of starts.

Chinese Dragon stands at Goodwood at a fee of \$5500 + GST

Chinese Dragon Yearlings In Demand

09 FEB 2012

Chinese Dragon's yearlings enjoyed a solid fan base through the Karaka sales series with a colt from the family of champion stayer Castletown the top-seller.

The son of Goodwood Stud's resident stallion out of the Grosvenor mare Light Of Ahram, dam of two multiple winners, realised **\$40,000**.

She is a direct descendant of Mona Curragh who produced the three-time Wellington Cup, Auckland Cup, Caulfield Stakes and NZ Derby winner Castletown.

Trade was brisk for Goodwood during the Festival Sale with the quartet of Chinese Dragon yearlings averaging nearly \$19,000.

Day two over and a strong Ready To Run sale for Goodwood horses.

21 NOV 2012

Day Two of the NZB ready to run sale capped off a strong sale for Goodwood stud horses.

Lot 268 a handsome son of resident stallion Chinese Dragon ex Polly Perkins sell for

\$42,500 to Mr DA Racovolis Victoria.

He was sold through Jeremy Whale's Diamond Lodge who presented him in outstanding order.

Chinese Dragon Off The Mark

30 JAN 2013

Goodwood Stud received a major boost at Karaka this week when they celebrated the first winner for resident stallion Chinese Dragon.

His genuine daughter **Little Dragon Girl** broke through for a deserved victory at Hastings for trainer Gary Vile.

Bred in the United States, Chinese Dragon began his racing career in Ireland where he was a two-year-old winner.

The son of Stravinsky then returned to his native America and won five of his six starts the following season, including four stakes races.

Chinese Dragon trained on to win the Gr 2 Golden Gate San Francisco Mile and was placed in the Gr 1 Santa Anita Kilroe Mile.

He is a out of the winning ALydar mare Fabulous Fairy who is a daughter of the former top racemare Fairy Footsteps.

A half-sister to Gr 1 English St Leger winner Light Cavalry, she won the Gr 1 English 1000 Guineas and represents the successful stallion family of Desert Prince.

Serpent Strikes For Dragon

20 FEB 2013

Cambridge trainer Murray Baker believes **Serpent** will show his true ability when stepped up over a middle distance.

"He's a horse that's needed time and I think he'll be better over more ground," he said.

The lightly-trying Serpent credited Goodwood Stud resident Chinese Dragon with his second winner at Pukekohe today.

At just his fourth appearance, the three-year-old led all the way to post a clear-cut victory over 1600 metres.

"He was a bit unlucky at Tauranga last time and never got a run at them," Baker said.

Bred by Goodwood and raced by Scott Richardson Bloodstock, the chestnut is out of the Irish-bred mare Twizzle.

A daughter of Arazi, she is from a well-performed European black type family.

Big Premier Day For Goodwood

14 MAR 2013

Goodwood Stud sire Chinese Dragon will make a classic connection at Trentham on Saturday with a pair of black type contenders.

On a big day for the Palmerston North farm, the stallion son of Stravinsky be represented by his first Group One runner.

Grace O'Malley has earned her place in the New Zealand Oaks with four placings from six middle distance appearances.

The filly finished runner-up at her latest start at Ellerslie over 2100 metres behind Chinese Dragon's promising staying son Serpent.

He will attempt to complete a hat-trick of wins when he takes aim at the Listed New Zealand St Leger.

Bred by Goodwood Stud, Serpent has made strong progress this season and looks on the verge of stakes success.

Chinese Dragon will be further represented in the opening event on the Wellington card by recent winner Little Dragon Girl.

Stakes Victory For Chinese Dragon

17 MAR 2013

Serpent produced a royal result at Trentham for Goodwood Stud when he triumphed in the Listed Lincoln Lodge New Zealand St Leger to credit his sire Chinese Dragon with his maiden black type success.

The three-year-old is from the first crop of the Palmerston North-based stallion son of Stravinsky who was a Group Two winner in the United States where he was also placed at the highest level.

"He hasn't had many to the races and his strike rate isn't too bad at all so hopefully there's going to be many more to come," Goodwood Stud's William Fell said. "We bred and sold this horse so it's a great result for us."

A **NZ\$25,000** Select Sale yearling at Karaka for Scott Richardson Bloodstock, Serpent was making his sixth raceday appearance at Trentham and lead-up wins at Pukekohe Park and Ellerslie encouraged trainers Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman to target the St Leger.

"He's always showed that the further he goes the better he'll be," Forsman said. "Three-year-olds are well off in this race. Harris Tweed was fourth in it and then ran second in the AJC Derby so there's options open."

Serpent was ridden by Vinnie Colgan who allowed the chestnut to roll to the front and was largely left alone at an easy pace.

"I wanted to be positive early and they handed it to me and I got away with cheap sections," he said. "With 54kg I thought he'd be hard to catch in the straight. Next year in the open handicaps I think he's going to be pretty special."

Serpent rallied strongly in the run home to claim major honours at the expense of Juggernaut Rock and Star of Tralee.

Melbourne campaign on the cards for NZ St Leger winner

19 MAR 2013

Serpent, the latest stakes-winner to emerge from the classy Murray Baker-Andrew Forsman stable, has a possible Australian date, but it won't entail clashing with his headlining stablemate It's A Dundee.

In the same afternoon last Saturday that It's A Dundee completed a Sydney Group One double in the Randwick Guineas at Warwick Farm, Serpent completed a hat-trick with his first black-type win in the Listed Lincoln Lodge New Zealand St Leger at Trentham.

While mention was made at the time of a possible Australian Derby tilt with the emerging son of Chinese Dragon, it's more likely that if he does head across the Tasman this autumn, it will be to Melbourne rather than Sydney.

"The VRC St Leger could be the race for him," co-trainer Murray Baker said today. "There are some nice staying races for three-year-olds in Melbourne at this time of year and I think he's the right type for them."

Serpent cleared maiden company at his fourth start with a win over 1600 metres at Pukekohe in late February and stepped up to a middle-distance in impressive style in a special conditions event on the first day of the Ellerslie carnival. He was the only three-year-old in Saturday's 2500-metre St Leger and proved too strong for his four-year-old rivals after leading from barrier rise.

The A\$150,000 VRC St Leger is contested over 2800 metres on April 25 and the Flemington version of the world's oldest classic remains restricted to three-year-olds. Before a final decision is made on a Melbourne campaign, Serpent is likely to start in the Gr. 3 Higgins Manawatu Classic at Awapuni on Saturday week.

"It will mean dropping back to 2000 metres but it's the right sort of race to take him a stage further," commented Baker.