

## Pedigree Analysis - Kristen Manning

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Pierata is one of Pierro's two Gr.1 winners (VRC Oaks heroine Pinot the other) from just 26 runners (18 winners - an excellent 69.2% winners-to-runners strike rate) line-bred to the mighty Zabeel.

Zabeel's family is further represented in Pierata's pedigree with his grandsire Lonhro being one of the 46 stakes winners and 11 Gr.1 winners bred on the Zabeel/Le Filou cross, noting that Le Filou's grandam Diseuse is Zabeel's sixth dam.

Strains of the French Derby winner Herbager are desirable to throw into this mix, his grandam Fidgette being a half-sister to Diseuse. Within five generations alone Zabeel and Herbager have combined in the pedigrees of 71 stakes winners, nine of those being Gr.1 winners.

Look for Herbager strains in such stallions as Singspiel (eight of the 80 winners with a Zabeel/Singspiel combination are stakes winners), Rainbow Quest (35 stakes winners including seven Gr.1 winners), I Am Invincible (ten stakes winners including the Gr.1 mares Viddora and Invincibella; strike rate of 69.3%) and Star Way (44 stakes winners, 11 Gr.1 winners).

Carnegie also hails from this family, his grandam Derna being Zabeel's third dam. This combo works well - a 71.2% strike rate with seven stakes winners (three at Gr.1 level) amongst the 89 winners.

In regards to Herbager strains, Star Way (whose sire Star Appeal is out of a mare by Neckar from the Nogara family which appears in Pierata via Nearco, Niccolo Dell'Arca and Fortino) is of particular interest.

He has always crossed well with the Sir Tristram line, not surprising as his fourth dam is the legendary matriarch Selene - also Sir Tristram's fourth dam. And dam of Hyperion, Sickle and Pharamond II and multiple strains of each of those stallions appear in Pierata's pedigree. It is a case of the more the better for this family - one whose influence can also be tapped into via strains of Mossborough whose dam All Moonshine, daughter of Selene, is Sir Tristram's third dam. He and Zabeel have combined in the pedigrees of 19 stakes winners including four Gr.1 winners.

Descendants of Selene to have stood locally include Entrepreneur (has combined with Zabeel in just 56 runners, 39 of whom are winners including three Group winners), Icelandic (15 winners from just 28 runners including the Queensland Oaks winner Provocative) and Our Maizcay.

Strains of Selene's dam Serenissima are desirable; look for her Ascot Gold Cup winning son Bosworth and her Middle Park Stakes winning grandson Fair Copy. Meanwhile Selene's influential grandam Gondollette (whose St Leger winning descendant Chamossaire is the dam sire of Caro who appears in Pierro's dam sire Daylami) can be found via her descendants Big Game, Sansovino, Fair's Fair and Linamix.

Pierata's grandsire Lonhro is bred on a 7 X 7 cross of Feola, grandam of Sir Tristram's dam sire Round Table and of Aureole whose son Hermes is Lonhro's third dam sire. There is plenty of Feola to be found in the local broodmare population, her descendants including Doutelle, Kingstone, Deep Impact, Tale Of The Cat, Johannesburg, Nashwan, Unfuwain and Tell (sire of Pompeii Court).

Feola is a daughter of the prolific broodmare Aloe, also ancestress of Gone West, Tentam, Atan, Voodoo Rhythm, Red Tony, Alcide, Marju, Second Empire, Ihtiram and Known Fact.

Sir Tristram is bred on a 5 X 5 cross of the wonderful mare Lavendula II via her prolific grandsons Turn-To and My Babu. This Sweet Lavender/Marchetta family is also represented in Pierata via Klairon and more strains are

always desirable - most easily found via Alycidon, Agricola, Acropolis, Borealis, Marco Polo II, Sayani, Ambiorix, Hotfoot, Imperial Prince, Bustino, Alvaro, Cheraw, Blevic, Universal Prince, Irish River, Cagire II, Stunning, Hayil and Testa Rossa.

Pierata's sire Pierro has had only three runners out of mares by the latter but two of those are metropolitan winners and there have been eight stakes winners with this Testa Rossa/Zabeel combination. Testa Rossa is a son of Perugino whose dam Fairy Bridge is also dam of Pierro's second dam sire Sadler's Wells.

Fairy Bridge is a high class line-breeding subject though an even more powerful force is her dam Special whose son Nureyev is the dam sire of Zabeel - giving Pierata multiple strains of this great family.

And he has even more with Zabeel's dam being bred on a 6 X 6 cross of Special's fourth dam Simon's Shoes, also fourth dam of Zabeel's second dam sire Val de Loir.

There is never too much of a good thing with this family and Pierata should relish further strains. Such as via Fairy Bridge's son Fairy King (sire of Encosta de Lago who has surprisingly not had a lot of exposure to Pierro - just 26 runners bred on this cross so far, but 17 of those are winners including the Gr.1 winner Shadow Hero and the Gr.3 mare Rocha Clock), Smart Missile, Northern Meteor, Fiorente, Headwater, Tate Gallery, Yeats, Thatch, Thatching, Ridan, Lt Stevens, Lorenzaccio, Topsider, Dusty Boots, Jade Robbery and Dreamscape.

Zabeel's son Octagonal, Pierata's great grandsire, is a son of the famed broodmare Eight Carat. Whilst there is yet to be a Gr.1 winner line-bred to her, the overall statistics read well - making mares by Commands, Danewin, Viking Ruler, Kempinsky, Dangerous, Special Bond, Bramshaw, Don Eduardo, Viscount, Kaapstad, Court Of Jewels, De Beers, Deep Field and Shooting To Win interesting matches for Pierata.

Eight Carat is a member of one of the world's most dominant families, that of Mumtaz Mahal and Lady Josephine - one which is a strong influence in Pierata's pedigree via multiple strains of Nasrullah, Royal Charger, Mahmoud and Aristophanes as well as Prince Taj, Kashmir II, Tudor Minstrel and Fair Trial.

Stallions with strong Mumtaz Mahal/Lady Josephine influence include Canny Lad (the dam sire of Redoute's Choice has combined exceptionally well with Pierro - 75% winners-to-runners, 14.4% stakes winners including the Gr.1 gallopers Levendi, Arcadia Queen and Regal Power - all out of Redoute's Choice mares), Rubiton (all five Pierro runners with a Rubiton strain are winners including the stakes winner Octabello), Rory's Jester (seven winners from just 12 runners), Mossman (all three runners are winners including the Gr.3 stayer Persan), General Nediym (eight winners from nine runners including the stakes winner I Like It Easy) and Bel Esprit.

And Written Tycoon. So far no runners bred this way though his dam sire Kenmare is by Kalamoun who hails from the same Mumtaz Begum branch of this family as Octagonal. Kenmare appears in 21 of Pierro's runners, 15 of whom are winners - five being stakes winners, three in Gr.1 company.

Also worth seeking out are strains of The Recorder, Badruddin, Pherozshah, Furrokh Siyar, Abernant, Kurdistan, Ardistaan, Regal Advice (dam sire of Show A Heart), Test Case, Migoli, Adraan, Combat and Faux Tirage whilst descendants of Mumtaz Mahal and Lady Josephine to have stood in Australasia include Golden Snake, Nassipour, Nediym, Famous Star, Kreisler, Telesto, Eire, Aussie Rules, Ladoni, Savoie Vivre, Shovhog, Centre Stalls, Lacryma Cristi, North Reef, Bao Lack, Nayrizi, Sir Tatton and Knowledge.

Pierata is bred on a 5 X 6 X 4 cross of Mr Prospector via Straight Strike, Miswaki (from the family of More Than Ready's sire Southern Halo; noting that Pierro and More Than Ready have combined well - seven winners from eight runners including the stakes winner Commander) and Rolls, dam of Flying Spur.

Djeddah and Tourbillon from Mr Prospector's family also appear in Pierata who should love more of this family - such as strains of Seattle Slew, Lomond (dam sire of Exceed And Excel), Shecky Greene, Darshaan, Elusive Quality, Jugah, Bismark II, Baldric, Sing Sing, Roan Rocket, Roy, Bailjumper, Sunrise County, Bold Native, Prince True, Mukaddamah, Artie Schiller, Seattle Dancer, Twenty Four Kara, Daliapour, Bahri, Bahhare, Straight As A Die, Heart Of Darkness, Half Iced and Gold And Ivory.

Encosta de Lago has already been mentioned (as as his son Northern Meteor); the Fairy King and Star Way strains lovely for Pierata. As is a cross of Rolls, Encosta de Lago's grandam who is also the dam of Pierata's

dam sire Flying Spur. There have already been 19 stakes winners combining the two close relations - including the Gr.1 winners Delago Deluxe, Alligator Blood and Speak Fondly.

Rolls is a descendant of Northern Dancer's outstanding daughter Fanfreluche, a proven line-breeding force who is also ancestress of Holy Roman Emperor, Family Ties and Kheleyf whilst other members of this family include Brazen Beau, Snaadee, Night Shift and Archregent.

Pierro's family is worth line-breeding to and he can boast amongst his relations Archway, Dr Devious, Claude, High Top, Pasakos, Mystiko, Cambremont, Avaray, Tidra, Bon Mot, River Of Light, Shinko King and Markofdistinction.

Flying Spur is a son of Danehill whose overall statistics as a line-breeding subject are average but Flying Spur has combined with other strains in the pedigrees of 58 stakes winners - so it is not a turn-off when there are other strengths to the mating. Danehill's family (one which also produced Northern Dancer) is worth tapping into; most easily done via Halo and Machiavellian.

Danehill's dam sire His Majesty hails from the Flower Bowl/Boudoir II family which is another worth reinforcing - not hard to do in this part of the world via Crowned Prince (dam sire of Zeditave), Majestic Prince, Graustark, Our Poetic Prince and Whiskey Road.

Pierro carries three strains of Never Bend and one of his half-brother Bold Reason, sons of the Kentucky Oaks winner Lalun - one of the great modern day line-breeding influences. Further strains of those stallions are nice and it is also worth seeking out their relations (one of whom, Brookfield, appears in Lonhro) such as Wolver Hollow, Grand Chaudiere (dam sire of Snippets), Shinko Forest, New Approach, Alfred Nobel, Windsor Lad, Solferino, Frontal, No Robbery, Supernatural, Our Babu, King Of The Tudors, Niccolo Polo and No Faith.

Pierro's dam Miss Right Note is bred on a 3 X 4 cross of the champion Mill Reef who combines nicely with his relations, several of whom are easily found in the local broodmare population - namely Blushing Groom, Khaled, Pipe Of Peace, Jacopo and Red Anchor. Further Mill Reef would not hurt either - especially via Pentire whose third dam Hardiemma is the dam of Pierro's third dam sire Shirley Heights.

Strains of Last Tycoon who is out of a Mill Reef mare also look good for Pierata. Pierro has sired 17 winners from 24 runners with a strain, including the Gr.1 winner Shadow Hero - noting that Last Tycoon and Eight Carat have plenty in common including sons of the terrific mare Rosy Legend; her Irish Derby winner Sayajirao being the second dam sire of Last Tycoon and whilst her Epsom Derby winner Dante is the dam sire of Eight Carat's sire Pieces Of Eight.

Last Tycoon's family is also a strong one, his fifth dam being the influential Schiaparelli whose son Masthead is the sire of Pierata's fifth dam sire Matrice. Other descendants include Dogger Bank, Celtic Swing, Shantung, Salmon Leap, El Cuite, Assert, Blue Vermillion, Djakao, Wiganthorpe, Sea Wolf, Polar Falcon, Le Havre, Forging Ahead, Roi Dagobert, Sassafras, Oak Ridge, Hotel Grand and Outback Prince.

The Black Duchess family of which Pieces Of Eight is a member is also an influence in Pierata who also has Blue Train, Bay Ronald, Blandford and Caro. Their relations include Avalanche, Call Report, Ragtime, Santa Claus, Shakapour, Shahrastani, Battle-Waggon, Auction Ring, Any Given Saturday, Princely Note, Bold Edge, Hadaad, Relaunch, Rubiano, Dubelo, Tapit, Helenus, Mendip Man, Lure, Gold Ace, Final Card, Icarus and Gigantic.

Grey Flight is another lovely mare to duplicate, her great grandson First Consul being Lonhro's second dam sire - look for strains of What A Pleasure, Secret Savings, Gray Phantom, Sovereign Dancer, Priolo, Misty Day, Bold Lad and Time For A Change.

Strains of Secretariat (half-brother to Zabeel's grandsire sir Gaylord), Grosvenor (his dam My Tricia is Lonhro's third dam) and Vain (his sire Wilkes's grandam Tara is the dam of Zabeel's fourth dam sire Norseman) are also worth seeking whilst also of interest are mares by Ilovethiscity whose third dam Sweet Time is Lonhro's fifth dam.