

DIVINE PROPHET

CHOISIR X PROPHET JEWEL (ENCOSTA DE LAGO)

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It is most encouraging when it becomes apparent early in a stallion's career that he is picking up on the influence of a variety of bloodlines - and such is the case of Divine Prophet with his first two crops.

One cross of interest is that of Encosta de Lago to whom two of Divine Prophet's first crop runners - Ostracised and Girragulang - are line-bred and both are promising lightly raced winners who have Encosta de Lago as their second dam sire.

Another two of his winners are line-bred to Encosta de Lago's family - including the seven length Morphettville winner Bleriot whose dam is by Jet Spur, son of Encosta de Lago's "uncle" Flying Spur.

The terrific mare Rolls - a proven classy line-breeding subject - is duplicated here and there are plenty of options around regarding Flying Spur. Those looking the best prospects for Divine Prophet are daughters of Magnus (bred on the same Danehill/Lunchtime/Vain cross as Divine Prophet), Casino Prince (a cross of the Kentucky Oaks winner Lalun), All Too Hard (out of a mare bred on a Danzig/Lunchtime/Vain cross), Heritage (crosses of the excellent mares Flower Bowl, Lalun and Victoriana), Krupt (bred on a 3 X 3 cross of Rolls' dam Grand Luxe) and Sebring (son of a Flying Spur mare) who fares very nicely with the Rolls cross.

The influence of this Fanfreluche family can also be tapped into via the likes of Brazen Beau, Night Shift, Family Ties, Archregent, Khelefy and Holy Roman Emperor.

Of course Flying Spur brings in a second Danehill strain and whilst overall that superstar stallion underperforms as a line-breeding subject, six of Divine Prophet's first winners are line-bred to him as are 15 stakes winners by Choisir and his sons.

Divine Prophet is line-bred to Danehill's family, one which has also produced Northern Dancer whose dam Natalma is Danehill's third dam. Already he is picking up well with more strains of this family - his Gr.3 winner See You In Heaven carrying a Machiavellian (Natalma's great grandson) strain, noting that Machiavellian is out of a mare by Halo whose grandam Almahmoud is Natalma's dam.

The most common source of Machiavellian genes in this part of the world is Street Cry and those of most interest from this line are daughters of Street Sense (whose fourth dam, the dual Gr.1 winner Lianga, is Danehill Dancer's third dam... the dual Gr.2 winner La Passe is bred this way) and his son Hallowed Crown (Nureyev is his third dam sire), Per Incanto (his dam is a great granddaughter of Fairy King's relation Lorenzaccio) and Wolf Cry (out of a mare bred on the same Danehill/Centaine cross as Divine Prophet).

Lianga is also the grandam of Mr Greeley who stood briefly in Victoria and who has imported daughters in Australia. Divine Prophet's European winner Lizzy The Best is out of a Mr Greeley mare.

Meanwhile the stakes placed Fortunate Kiss (so unlucky in the 1000 Guineas!) has as her dam sire Natalma's grandson El Moxie. Other members of this family include Gleam Machine, Nuclear Freeze, Arctic Tern, Eagle Eyed, Catrail, Youthful Legs, Diatribe, Orpen and Exit To Nowhere.

Encosta de Lago's sire Fairy King hails from one of the world's greatest families, one which has been well represented by the likes of Nureyev (appears in Fortunate Kiss), Thatching, Ridan, Lorenzaccio, Val de Loir, Lt Stevens, Topsider and Sadler's Wells.

Several members of this family have stood in Australia - such as Headwater, Fiorente, Smart Missile, Northern Meteor, Perugino (sire of Testa Rossa), Tate Gallery, Geiger Counter, Yeats, Dusty Boots and Jade Robbery.

Sadler's Wells and Choisir combine very well - especially via Montjeu (his daughters have had 14 runners by Choisir, four of whom are stakes winners including the Gr.1 winner Obviously), High Chaparral, Carnegie, So

You Think, Teofilo, Barathea, Beat Hollow and Galileo (ten of the 52 winners bred on this cross are stakes winners including the Gr.1 gallopers Winter and Watch Me).

Members of the Galileo line are of further interest for Divine Prophet; Galileo's third dam sire Espresso being by Acropolis whose dam is the terrific mare Aurora - of whom Divine Prophet boasts two strains; Borealis and Agricola.

Strains of the other of Aurora's influential sons in Alycidon are also desirable, especially as this prolific Marchetta family is a strong influence in Divine Prophet who also has My Babu, Turn-To and Klairon.

Other members of this family worth seeking out include Marco Polo II, Sayani, Ambiorix, Hotfoot, Imperial Prince, Bustino, Alvaro, Cheraw, Blevic, Universal Prince, Irish River, Cagire II, Stunning, Hayil and Testa Rossa (son of Perugino).

There is also strong Selene/Gondolette family influence in Divine Prophet's pedigree with his strains of Big Game, Hyperion, Pharamond II, Chamossaire and Star Way. And like his father before him, Divine Prophet can be expected to fare well with strains of Selene's most prolific southern hemisphere based descendant - the mighty Sir Tristram.

Choisir and Sir Tristram combine in the pedigrees of 23 stakes winners including the Gr.1 gallopers Historian, Sacred Choice, Japonisme and Kushadasi.

Choisir has shown a particular affinity with Zabeel (nine stakes winners amongst the 97 winners), noting that both of the runners by his son Proisir out of mares by Zabeel's son Colombia are Gr.3 winners whilst Choisir's Gr.3 winner Twitchy Frank is one of the five winners from just eight Choisir runners out of mares by Lonhro. And Fortunate Kiss is out of a mare by Savabeel.

A bonus here is that Zabeel's dam Lady Giselle is out of a mare by Nureyev and is line-bred to his family with her dam sire being Val de Loir.

Sir Tristram's sons Marauding (Choisir has had 11 winners from 13 runners out of his daughters including the dual Gr.1 winner Historian), Kaapstad (the Gr.2 winner Music Bay from just three runners) and Grosvenor have also featured in the pedigrees of Choisir line stakes winners.

Linamix (whose second dam sire Alcide is a son of Alycidon) has not had a great deal of influence down under but he too is a member of the Gondolette family and two of the six Choisir runners out of his daughters are stakes winners.

Other Gondolette/Selene strains are available via the likes of Schiavoni, Fair Copy, Fair's Fair, Bosworth, Son And Heir, Entrepreneur, Shrewd Rhythm, Mossborough, Coronal and Hunter's Moon.

There is also strong Mumtaz Mahal/Lady Josephine influence in Divine Prophet's pedigree... strains of Nasrullah, Tudor Minstrel, Fair Trial, Mahmoud, Jambo and Aristophanes. It is always a case of the more the better in regards to this family whose other members include Coeur Volant, Kalamoun, Badruddin, Royal Charger, Nilo, Nediym, Abernant, Furrokh Siyar, Kurdistan and Eight Carat.

Invincible Spirit (from the same Mowerina family of Rockefeller and Danzig, both of whom appear in Choisir's sire Danehill Dancer) line mares are of interest, that stallion bred on the same Danzig/Sharpen Up cross as Danehill Dancer.

Of the 36 winners combining Invincible Spirit and Choisir, five are stakes winners including the dual Gr.1 winner Oxted. And of the 17 runners with I Am Invincible (whose dam sire Canny Lad is bred on a Blsca/Lunchtime cross, the opposite to Choisir) and Choisir, 13 are winners - two at stakes level.

Adding strength to a Divine Prophet/Invincible Spirit cross is the former's strain of Bold Reason who combines so exceptionally well with his half-brother Bold Reason, dam sire of Encosta de Lago's sire Fairy King. The Kentucky Oaks heroine Lalun is duplicated and she has proven herself to be one of the great modern day line-breeding forces. And there is plenty of Never Bend about, noting that Divine Prophet's first Group winner See You In Heaven has him via Riverman.

Divine Prophet's city winning son Forever Autumn is bred on a 5 X 5 cross of the Silver Slipper winner Rainbeam, dam of Divine Prophet's second dam sire Centaine. She appears in this fellow's pedigree via her great grandson Time Thief and can also be found in Foreplay whilst mares carrying a strain of Been There

provide for a cross of Rainbeam's dam Rain Shadow whose dam Rain Mist is ancestress of the "Tennessee" family which has many members at stud. The matriarch of this family is the Melbourne Cup winner Rainbird.

Another of his winners in Prophetess is line-bred to the outstanding broodmare Victoriana, grandam of Divine Prophet's Queen Anne Stakes winning third dam sire Imperial March. This is a lovely family to line-breed to with opportunities to do so coming via strains of Victoria Park (dam sire of The Minstrel), Vice Regent and Viceregal.

Danehill's dam sire His Majesty picks up nicely on strains of his full brother Graustark (in three of Divine Prophet's early winners) and this Flower Bowl/Boudoir II family is certainly worth line-breeding to with its other members including Crowned Prince, Majestic Prince, Whiskey Road and Our Poetic Prince.

Divine Prophet has been showing an early liking for Gone West whose third dam is the terrific mare Mixed Marriage whose son Atan is the sire of Danehill Dancer's dam sire Sharpen Up. Strains of the half-brothers Known Fact and Tentam (grandsons of Mixed Marriage) are also desirable.

The Woodbine family is another strong force in Divine Prophet's pedigree - he has Falls of Clyde, Crafty Admiral, Major Portion, Menow and Sir Ivor.

Strains of Crafty Admiral's "cousin" Red God (the terrific mare Boola Brook duplicated) are good for Divine Prophet whilst other members of this family include Zilzal, Wavering Monarch (grandson of Majestic Prince), Piccolino, Approve, Intikhab, Motivator (out of a mare line-bred to Mixed Marriage), Mining, Sweep, Havresac II, Be My Guest, Storm Cat, Royal Academy, Fusaichi Pegasus, Spectacular Love, Polar Falcon, Captain Rio, Shalford, Touching Wood, Phone Trick, Hennessy, Bletchley Park, Postponed, Danasinga, Assert, Hotel Grand, Outback Prince, Celtic Swing, Roi Dagobert, Bold Ruler (sire of Secretariat, noting that Divine Prophet has his half-brother Sir Gaylord), Green Forest (by Shecky Greene from the family of Encosta de Lago's second dam sire Mr Prospector), Green Line Express (by Green Forest) and Last Tycoon.

Choisir is bred on a 7 X 7 cross of Lady Of The Snows, third dam of Danehill Dancer's French 2000 Guineas winning second dam sire Caro and dam of Choisir's fifth dam sire Avalanche. Not easy to find further strains although the UK stallion Medicean has daughters in Australia and his fourth dam Chambord is Caro's dam.

Broodmare sires to have fared well with Choisir include Alzao (out of a mare line-bred to Selene), Mujadil (four winners from seven starters including two stakes winners), Rory's Jester (22 winners from 29 runners including three stakes winners... Alycidon is his third dam sire) and Royal Academy (43 winners from 54 runners including three stakes winners).