

Pierro

Pierro has a diverse pedigree, carrying multiple representatives of several important families. A review of his stakes winners to-date reveals some marked preferences.

Free of **DANEHILL**, Pierro is an obvious choice for mares from this prolific sire line. In particular, Pierro has worked beautifully with daughters of **REDOUTE'S CHOICE**, producing seven of his 16 stakes winners to-date on this cross, including two of his four Group 1 winners. Other sons of Danehill to have produced stakes performers with Pierro include **FLYING SPUR** (damsire of Pierata), **EXCEED AND EXCEL**, **ROCK OF GIBRALTAR**, **DANEHILL DANCER**, **LION HUNTER** and **FASTNET ROCK**.

Pierro's grandsire Octagonal is a son of **EIGHT CARAT**. She is also close up on the tail female lines of non-Sir Tristram line damsires such as **COMMANDS**, **DANEWIN**, **VISCOUNT**, **KREISLER** and **KEMPINSKY**. Creating line breeding to **EIGHT CARAT** is a desirable pattern. This year's Widden Stakes winner Amercement is just one example, being bred on a Lonhro / Commands cross.

Over the generations, **STAR KINGDOM** has worked very well with elements in Pierro's pedigree including Lonhro, Mr. Prospector and Northern Dancer. Eight of Lonhro's twelve Group 1 winners carry Star Kingdom through their dams. The chief sources of Star Kingdom today include **CANNY LAD** (damsire of **REDOUTE'S CHOICE** – see above compatibility), **MARSCAY**, **BISCAY**, **BLETCHINGLY**, **LUSKIN STAR**, **COVETOUS** and **TODMAN**.

The presence of Mr. Prospector 4m x 5m suggests that Pierro can also work well with **STORM CAT** line mares. **TALE OF THE CAT**, **SCAT DADDY**, **JOHANNESBURG**, **HENNY HUGHES**, **SHAMARDAL**, **VAN NISTELROOY** and **GIANT'S CAUSEWAY** are some of the damsires from this influential line.

Mares by Mr Prospector's grandsons **ELUSIVE QUALITY** and **SECRET SAVINGS** have produced stakes performers by Pierro, indicating a tolerance of more Mr Prospector.

Sadler's Wells (second damsire of Pierro), Nureyev and Val De Loir (both present in Zabeel) are all from the **ROUGH SHOD** family. **NORTHERN METEOR**, **ENCOSTA DELAGO**, **THATCHING** and his sire **THATCH**, **TATE GALLERY**, **FAIRY KING** and **GEIGER COUNTER** are other members to reinforce this line.

Pierro's Group 1 VRC Oaks winner Pinot is out of a daughter of **ZABEEL**, creating a 4 x 2 cross of this stamina influence and boosting the **ROUGH SHOD** family (above), while Group 1 winner Pierata also carries more Zabeel as sire of his second dam.

Sex balancing **SADLER'S WELLS** (who appears through a *daughter* in Pierro) by using mares by sons of Sadler's Wells, is also an appealing pattern. Mares by such sires as **HIGH CHAPARRAL**, **SCENIC**, **BARATHEA**, **CARNEGIE**, **GALILEO** and **MONTJEU** will result in a 4f x 3m duplication of this influential patriarch. Galileo looks especially interesting, as he is bred on a reverse Sadler's Wells / Miswaki cross to Pierro's dam, Miss Right Note.

The presence of half-brothers Bold Reason (through a daughter) and Never Bend (three lines) invites further reinforcement of this important line. **SNIPPETS** carries close relation **GRAND CHAUDIERE**. A son of Bold Reason, **SOUND REASON**, is also desirable to sex balance the daughter in Pierro.

SNITZEL mares carry both Redoute's Choice and Snippets for Pierro.