



Gourmet Dinner served by lavish array of inbreeding patterns

Making his graded stakes debut, Gourmet Dinner rallied to take the lead in upper stretch and drew off to an impressive 2¼-length victory in the \$1-million Delta Downs Jackpot Stakes (G3) on November 20.

Dismissed at 20-to-1 odds, the two-year old Trippi colt completed 1½ miles in 1:45.23 on a track rated as fast.

His first four starts all were at Calder Race Course, where he scored in the Affirmed and Dr. Fager divisions of the Florida Stallion Stakes series before a second-place finish as 3-to-5 favorite in the In Reality division on October 16.



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GOURMET DINNER

A \$40,000 purchase at the 2010 Ocala Breeders' Sales Co. spring sale of two-year-olds in training, Gourmet Dinner is one of six winners from seven starters out of the unplaced Pentelicus mare Potluck Dinner, who also has produced Calder stakes winner Gaston A., by Concorde's Tune.

Gourmet Dinner's winning grandam, Romantic Dinner, also is the second dam of this year's Oak Leaf Stakes (G1) winner Rigoletta.

Further back, Gourmet Dinner's stakes-winning fourth dam, Cricket Club, by Dr. Fager, also serves as the matrilineal source of 2000 Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup Stakes (G1) heroine Collect the Cash as well as this year's Toyota Blue Grass Stakes (G1) winner Stately Victor.

Gourmet Dinner hails from the sixth crop of the End Sweep stallion Trippi, a leading sire in Florida before his mid-2008 export to South Africa, where he currently stands at Drakenstein Stud Farm.

Bred in Florida by Ocala Stud and William J. Terrill, Gourmet Dinner's family tree reveals a cornucopia of advantageous inbreeding patterns, a majority of which have their own strong ties to the Sunshine State.

Most prominent, our subject's sire and broodmare sire, former Florida-bred sprinters Trippi and Pentelicus, share the same pri-

mary cross—by a Mr. Prospector-line stallion out of an In Reality-line mare.

Gourmet Dinner, b. c., 2008				
Trippi 97 475 fls, 27 SWs SI 1.61 DI=3.50	End Sweep 91 6 wins, \$372,563, SW 814 fls, 47 SWs SI 1.47 DI=2.29	Forty Niner 85 903 fls, 57 SWs SI 2.14 DI=2.63	Mr. Prospector 70 File 76	Raise a Native 61 Gold Digger 62 Tom Rolfe 62 Continue 58
		Broom Dance 79 15 fls, 1 SW DI=3.50	Dance Spell 73 Witching Hour 60	Northern Dancer 61 Obeah 65 Thinking Cap 52 Enchanted Eve 49
	Jealous Appeal 83 4 wins, \$80,855 9 fls, 4 SWs DI=5.86	Valid Appeal 72 790 fls, 88 SWs SI 2.18 DI=2.79	In Reality 64 Desert Trial 63	Intentionally 56 My Dear Girl 57 Moslem Chief 57 Scotch Verdict 60
		Jealous Cat 75 8 fls, 0 SWs DI=5.00	*Cougar II 66 Only the Loyal 69	Tale of Two Cities 51 *Cindy Lou II 55 Never Bend 60 Another Love 63
Potluck Dinner 96 6 fls, 2 SWs DI=4.33	Pentelicus 84 11 wins, \$267,742, SW 613 fls, 22 SWs SI 1.01 DI=3.64	Fappiano 77 410 fls, 48 SWs SI 4.79 DI=4.78	Mr. Prospector 70 Killaloe 70	Raise a Native 61 Gold Digger 62 Dr. Fager 64 Grand Splendor 62
		Charedi 76 11 fls, 2 SWs DI=2.38	In Reality 64 Magic 69	Intentionally 56 My Dear Girl 57 Buckpasser 63 Aspidistra 54
	Romantic Dinner 89 1 win, \$67,730 9 fls, 2 SWs DI=5.86	Who's for Dinner 79 119 fls, 4 SWs SI 0.54 DI=2.80	Native Charger 62 Expectancy 65	Native Dancer 50 Greek Blond 46 Intentionally 56 Cequillo 56
		Victorious Meg 80 7 fls, 1 SW DI=7.00	Soy Numero Uno 73 Cricket Club 75	Damascus 64 Tasma 57 Dr. Fager 64 Clover Lane 67

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On the bottom half, Tartan Farms' legendary Dr. Fager appears twice in the fourth generation of Potluck Dinner's pedigree. This influence is, in turn, reinforced by Dr. Fager's half sister, Magic, who serves as the grandam of Pentelicus—a total of three strains to Tartan's foundation matriarch Aspidistra.

For good measure, Potluck Dinner's two grandsires, Fappiano and Who's for Dinner, are descendants of the same immediate family, both tracing back to another key Tartan matron Cequillo.

The \$600,000 winner's share of the Jackpot purse virtually assures Gourmet Dinner of a starting berth in next year's Kentucky Derby (G1), but the average winning distances of Trippi's progeny (6.40 furlongs) and Pentelicus' average winning distance as a broodmare sire (6.68 furlongs) suggest a classic distance could be beyond his reach.

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