



PEDIGREE PROFILE

California Nectar savors the fruits of victory in Santa Ynez

by Rommy Faversham

Pablo and Michelle Suarez's homebred California Nectar led throughout and gamely held off favored Zazu to secure her first graded stakes victory by a neck in the \$150,000 Santa Ynez Stakes (G2) on January 15 at Santa Anita Park.

The three-year-old Stormy Atlantic filly covered seven furlongs in 1:21.34 on Santa Anita's new dirt track, which was rated as fast.



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The improving bay filly entered off an impressive 1½-length score in the California Breeders' Champion Stakes on December 27, also run at seven furlongs at the Arcadia, California, track.

The Santa Ynez score sweetens California Nectar's career mark to three wins and three seconds from seven lifetime starts and earnings of \$213,800.

Bred in the California, California Nectar is one of two winners from as many starters out of the multiple stakes-placed Carson City mare Absolute Nectar. More recently, Absolute Nectar has produced a two-year-old filly and a yearling colt, both by Atticus.

California Nectar represents the first graded stakes winner under her first three dams. Her third dam, From Sea to Sea, produced multiple stakes winner Sealaunch, by Relaunch.

California Nectar's fourth dam, Betty's Secret, produced Secreto, winner of the 1984 Ever Ready Epsom Derby (Eng-G1). This also is the family of Italian Group 1 winner Close Conflict and stakes winner and sire Newton's Law.

California Nectar hails from the ninth crop of the consistent Storm Cat stallion Stormy Atlantic and is one of her sire's 21 graded or group stakes winners.

California Nectar, b. f., 2008

Stormy Atlantic 94 981 fls, 60 SWs SI 1.60 DI=3.50	Storm Cat 83 4 wins, \$570,610, SW 1409 fls, 178 SWs SI 3.87 DI=4.00	Storm Bird 78 681 fls, 63 SWs SI 3.10 DI=3.25	Northern Dancer 61	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57
	Hail Atlantis 87 3 wins, \$176,325, SW 9 fls, 2 SWs DI=2.50	Terlingua 76 11 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.63	South Ocean 67	New Providence 56 Shining Sun 62
Absolute Nectar 01 2 fls, 1 SW DI=4.41	Carson City 87 6 wins, \$306,240, SW 1025 fls, 99 SWs SI 2.02 DI=2.86	Seattle Slew 74 1050 fls, 114 SWs SI 4.76 DI=2.14	Secretariat 70	Bold Ruler 54 Somethingroyal 52
	Hear the Sea 95 1 win, \$15,642 8 fls, 0 SWs DI=1.74	Flippers 81 15 fls, 1 SW DI=3.89	Crimson Saint 69	Crimson Satan 59 Bolero Rose 58
	Mr. Prospector 70 1178 fls, 181 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	Blushing Promise 82 1 fl, 1 SW DI=1.71	Bold Reasoning 68	Boldnesian 63 Reason to Earn 63
	Dixieland Band 80 1287 fls, 117 SWs SI 2.29 DI=3.50	From Sea to Sea 83 13 fls, 1 SW DI=1.47	My Charmer 69	Poker 63 Fair Charmer 59
	Blushing Groom 82 1 fl, 1 SW DI=1.71		Coastal 76	Majestic Prince 66 Alluvial 69
			Moccasin 63	Nantallah 53 *Rough Shod II 44
			Raise a Native 61	Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46
			Gold Digger 62	Nashua 52 Sequence 46
			Blushing Groom (Fr) 74	Red God 54 RunawayBride (GB) 62
			Summertime Promise 72	*Nijinsky II 67 Prides Promise 66
			Northern Dancer 61	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57
			Mississippi Mud 73	Delta Judge 60 Sand Buggy 63
			Gregorian 76	*Graustark 63 Natashka 63
			Betty's Secret 77	Secretariat 70 Betty Loraine 65

Santa Ynez winners that earned champion three-year-old filly honors

Year	Winner	Sire
1995	Serena's Song	Rahy
1972	Susan's Girl	Quadrangle
1971	Turkish Trousers	Bagdad
1959	Silver Spoon	Citation

Stormy Atlantic stands at Hill 'n' Dale Farms in Lexington for a 2011 fee of \$30,000. His leading runners in 2010 included multiple Grade 2 winner Get Stormy, Grade 3 winner Stormy's Majesty, and English group stakes winner Rerouted.

So far, the cross of Stormy Atlantic with daughters of Carson City has generated three stakes winners from 23 foals of racing age, including 2006 Hollywood Futu-

ry (G1) winner Stormello.

It is interesting to note California Nectar's fifth dam, Betty Loraine, is a half sister to Racing Hall of Famer and influential sire Majestic Prince. The latter appears in the fourth generation of Stormy Atlantic's pedigree, thereby reinforcing our subject's tail-female line.

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