



# PEDIGREE PROFILE

by Rommy Faversham

## Pegasus winner Le Bernardin adds to family fortune

Darley Stable's Le Bernardin bounced back from a hapless last-place effort in the Peter Pan Stakes (G2) to take his first black-type event on Sunday, scoring a well-timed neck victory in the 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ -mile Pegasus Stakes (G3) at Monmouth Park.

Unraced at two, the three-year old Bernardini colt's record stands at three wins from five starts with a bankroll of \$146,000.

Getting his name from a luxurious Times Square eatery, Le Bernardin was a \$325,000 purchase at the 2010 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale of selected yearlings.

The dark bay or brown colt was bred in Kentucky by Michael G. Rutherford, who also bred and raced his dam—the Wild Again mare La Rosa, best at age two when capturing the 1995 Demoiselle Stakes (G2).



LE BERNARDIN  
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From six starters, La Rosa has produced five winners, including 2006 Sabin Stakes (G3) winner Taittinger Rose, by Menifee. Le Bernardin also has an unraced two-year-old full brother.

The most celebrated member of this im-

mediate clan is La Rosa's dam, 1985 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (G1) winner Twilight Ridge. La Rosa's half sister, multiple stakes-winning filly Daylight Ridge, by Dayjur, is the dam of multiple stakes winner Independent George, by Cozzene.

Further back, this family was developed by eminent horseman Fred W. Hooper, who bred Le Bernardin's third and fourth dams, Waving Sky and Fading Sky, respectively, and purchased fifth dam Haze for \$8,500 at the 1954 Keeneland summer yearling sale.

The Olympia mare Haze, in fact, became one of Hooper's key foundation broodmares in Florida. Dam of three multiple stakes winners, including 1974 Whitney Handicap (G2) winner and useful sire Tri Jet, Haze subsequently served as ancestress to several dozen stakes winners, including 1978 Futurity Stakes (G1) victor Crested Wave, 1976 Hollywood Lassie Stakes (G2) heroine Wavy Waves, and 1979 Gulfstream Park Handicap (G1) winner Sensitive Prince.

Le Bernardin hails from the second crop of three-year champion and A.P. Indy scion Bernardini, who is both bred and owned by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum's Darley.

A pure breeding bay (no chestnuts), Bernardini has been shuttling between the Darley operations in Lexington and New South Wales, Australia. In a bit of a surprise, the initial Antipodean crop has been, at best, ineffective.

### Le Bernardin, dk. b. or br. c., 2009

Bernardini 03 382 fls, 15 SWs SI 2.74 DI=3.19	A.P. Indy 89 8 wins, \$5,959,630 Champion 1148 fls, 145 SWs SI 3.77 DI=2.54	Seattle Slew 74 1050 fls, 114 SWs SI 4.76 DI=2.14	Bold Reasoning 68	Boldnesian 63 Reason to Earn 63
		Weekend Surprise 80 14 fls, 4 SWs SI 2.64	My Charmer 69	Poker 63 Fair Charmer 59
		Quiet American 86 884 fls, 55 SWs SI 1.60 DI=4.40	Secretariat 70	Bold Ruler 54 Somethingroyal 52
	Cara Rafaela 93 4 wins, \$884,452, SW 10 fls, 1 SW DI=4.54	Oil Fable 86 13 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.75	Lassie Dear 74	Buckpasser 63 Gay Missile 67
La Rosa 93 8 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.36	Wild Again 80 8 wins, \$2,204,829, SW 943 fls, 88 SWs SI 2.38 DI=4.05	Icecapade 69 565 fls, 73 SWs SI 2.27 DI=3.22	Fappiano 77	Mr. Prospector 70 Killaloe 70
		Bushel-n-Peck 58 12 fls, 1 SW DI=2.84	Demure 77	Dr. Fager 64 Quiet Charm 71
	Twilight Ridge 83 4 wins, \$743,083, SW 14 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.50	Cox's Ridge 74 774 fls, 53 SWs SI 2.63 DI=2.33	Spectacular Bid 76	Bold Bidder 62 Spectacular 70
		Waving Sky 67 14 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.57	Northern Fable 78	Northern Dancer 61 Fairway Fable 71
			Nearctic 54	=Nearco (Ity) 35 *Lady Angela 44
			Shenanigans 63	Native Dancer 50 Bold Irish 48
			*Khaled 43	=Hyperion (GB) 30 =Eclair (GB) 30
			*Dama II 50	=Dante (GB) 42 =Clovelly (GB) 38
			Best Turn 66	*Turn-to 51 Sweet Clementine 60
			Our Martha 61	*Ballydonnell 52 Corday 46
			*Quibu 42	=Meadow (GB) 36 =Querendona (Arg) 34
			Fading Sky 58	Pry 42 Haze 53

Quite a different story stateside where Bernardini continues to tantalize as a classic sire getting good numbers of runners logging quality time on the Triple Crown trail. Last year's Travers Stakes (G1) victory from first-crop son Stay Thirsty stands as his biggest accolade.

Bernardini currently enjoys a comfortable lead in progeny earnings among North American third-crop sires, ranking tenth overall.

Crossing the sons of A.P. Indy with daughters of Wild Again has not led to any statistical evidence of an affinity, but does include Grade 1 winner and Triple Crown aspirant Pyro, by Pulpit.

Could it be that Bernardini proves good enough to ultimately supplant Pulpit as A.P. Indy's best son at stud?

That would be a tall order, particularly since the latter has already become a flourishing sire-of-sires.

Notwithstanding, Bernardini figures to continue to benefit from an annual book of broodmares that is superior in both quantity and quality. This has certainly facilitated his brilliant early numbers of graded and group stakes winners, in particular Grade1 or Group 1 winners.

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### A.P. Indy and his best sons at stud

Stallion	Crops of racing age	Foals	SWs	Graded SWs	Grade 1 or Group 1 SWs	Total progeny earnings (\$-million)
A.P. Indy	17	1,188	145	84	27	\$118.2
Pulpit	12	792	60	35	10	53.0
Malibu Moon	10	914	61	21	8	49.0
Stephen Got Even	9	580	28	12	5	29.6
Jump Start	7	495	28	8	1	22.5
Mineshaft	6	394	24	10	3	24.0
Flatter	6	384	21	6	1	16.0
Bernardini	3	436	15	11	4	11.1