

# MILL PARK

Inglis and Mill Park graduate Booker's victory in the Gr.1 Oakleigh Plate added the filly to the long list of Gr.1 winners from the Mill Park paddocks. Sold from the Inglis Melbourne Sale, Booker (Written Tycoon) won on debut as a two-year-old, and has run exclusively in stakes company since that debut victory.



A group winning three-year-old, Booker ran fourth in last year's Oakleigh Plate behind Russian Revolution, before this year's win. The classy mare has now won four of her fifteen starts and over \$800,000, from a purchase price of \$230,000 at the Inglis Melbourne Premier Yearling Sale.

Mill Park has too many amazing racetrack graduates to list, however, their recent Inglis-catalogued winners include Naafer (Gr.1 placed winner sold at Easter), stakes winner Reldas, and stakes placed Smart Manoeuvre, Cappadocia, Girl Sunday, and Viking Star. The Mill Park paddocks have also produced the likes of Gr1 winners Fawknor, Happy Trails, Go Indy Go, Captain Sonador, Devil Moon, Southern Speed, and Rebel Raider.

Bluebloods spoke to Chris Watson about their upcoming 2019 Inglis Easter Yearling Sale draft of six yearlings, of which five are colts. "Mill Park are pleased with this draft, with all six yearlings having very current and active pedigrees."

#### Give us an overview of your draft.

The only filly in this draft represents a huge opportunity for breeders who want residual value, while buying from a farm that has a strong reputation in producing quality racehorses. A half-sister to Mill Park's Gr.1 winning graduate Go Indy Go, and to Gr.3 winner Essay Raider, and stakes placed winner Battle Brewing, [Lot 434](#) is out of winning Zabeel mare Elegant Eagle, and is by proven sire Tavistock. Tavistock has crossed well with Zabeel mares, leaving Gr.1 winners Tarzino and Werther on this cross. This is the family of Gr.1 winners Southern Speed, and Champion 2YO and Champion 3YO Ha Ha.

*"The only filly of our draft is the Elegant Eagle filly. A half-sister to Gr.1 winner and Mill Park Raised, Go Indy Go. A beautiful filly, with the most amazing athletic walk."*

Two colts by Written Tycoon, the sire of Booker, will attract plenty of attention. A half-brother to stakes winner (of five races to date) Guard of Honour, [Lot 326](#), is by Written Tycoon from Victory Cry (General Nediym). Guard of Honour is one of three winners for his dam, who is a half-sister to stakes winners Reldas, and Victory Chant. This is the family of Mill Park's Gr.1 winner Serious Speed, as well as group winner Majestic Music.

*"The Victory Cry colt is a half-brother to stakes winner, Guard of Honour and another exciting South African sale graduate, Run Fox Run, a filly who showed blistering speed to win her first start. This colt is all power and early speed and has great muscle definition."*

The other Written Tycoon [Lot 308](#) is a half-brother to stakes placed winner. It's a Myth, and this colt is out of winning Redoute's Choice mare The Good Wife. It's a Myth is her first foal, and to date, the only one to race. The Good Wife is a half-sister to four-time Gr.1 winner Divine Madonna (dam of stakes winner Maternal and group placed winner La Pieta), as well as Gr.3 winner Blessum, and to the dam of group winner Angel of Mercy.

*"The Good Wife colt is obviously closely related to Divine Madonna, a pedigree we just love and a family we continue to nurture. A colt that just oozes quality, with good strength and huge athletic action."*



Lot	Col.Sex	Sire	Dam
73	B. Colt	Brazen Beau	Just Discreet
132	B. Colt	Sebring	Miss With Attitude
308	Ch. Colt	Written Tycoon	The Good Wife
326	Ch. Colt	Written Tycoon	Victory Cry
417	Br./Blk. Colt	More Than Ready (USA)	Dane Belltar
434	B. Filly	Tavistock (NZ)	Elegant Eagle (NZ)

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(Galileo) in the select Mill Park 2019 Inglis Easter Yearling Sale draft. Miss With Attitude's first two foals are already winners, and she is a half-sister to stakes placed winner Oui Si Attitude, from the family of 2012's Head of the World Thoroughbred Rankings Encke, who won the Gr1 The St Leger. Everyone knows how well the Sebring's run—Criterion, Dissident, Egg Tart, Lucky Bubbles, Amphitrite, etc. This colt represents an outstanding opportunity to buy a colt by one of Australia's best proven and most versatile sires.

*"The Miss With Attitude colt is a half-brother to exciting South African relation, Crown Towers. A progressive type showing stakes ability. Again another athletic type with great scope and overall strength."*

Young sire Brazen Beau's first crop has hit the ground running with stakes winner Accession, and several other good juveniles. Mill Park will offer **Lot 73**, a second crop colt by the Gr.1 winning sprinter, and this colt is the second foal of Gr.3 winner (of five races) Just Discreet (Exceed and Excel). Her first foal is a two-year-old, and has been named Seemingly Discreet. **This is Mill Park's famous Discreet family**, which includes Gr.1 winner Maybe Discreet (a half-sister to the dam of this colt).

*"The Brazen Beau colt needs no introduction being from the famous Discreet family. He is a beautiful, balanced colt, a real racehorse."*

By proven Gr.1 sire More Than Ready, **Lot 417** is a half-brother to triple Gr.1 winner Fawkner, group winner Tanby, and group placed winner Viking Star. This colt's dam is Dane Belltar, a Gr.3 winner by Danewin, from the family of Gr.1 VRC Oaks winner Taj Eclipse. Dane Belltar has proven herself as an outstanding broodmare and this colt represents an amazing opportunity for buyers who want to reduce risk by buying a colt by a proven sire, out of a proven mare.

*"The Dane Belltar colt is a half-brother to the exciting and progressive Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott trained Sydney Blue. He is very typical of the family, a very athletic, Derby style of horse. A type that will improve further as he hits his three year-old season."*

Current leading sire of First Time Stakes Winners and Golden Slipper winner Sebring has a colt, **Lot 132**, out of group placed winner Miss With Attitude

**What are some of your leading graduates from Inglis sales?**

Some of our leading lights are currently; Booker (2019 Gr.1 Oakleigh Plate, sold at Inglis Melbourne for \$230,000), Naafer (Gr.1 placed city winner, sold at Inglis Easter for \$560,000), Dawn Passage (stakes placed city winning two year-old, sold at Inglis Melbourne for \$150,000), Crown Towers (debut winner, sold at Inglis Melbourne for \$280,000, on-sold in South Africa for R1.7million), Fawkner (Gr.1 winner, sold at Inglis Melbourne for \$70,000).

Some lovely up and coming types are; Run Fox Run (unbeaten in two starts, sold at Inglis Easter for \$420,000) and Sydney Blue (two year-old winner, sold at Inglis Easter for \$420,000).

**What is the best advice you have been given about horses?**

You can never stop learning and can always absorb something new every day. ♦

