



PEDIGREE DYNAMICS

Desert Sun Can Shine in Victoria

Eliza Park's judicious import Desert Sun should be on the rise at his new home in Victoria. Best known to-date for producing that champion filly Sunline, Desert Sun is also producing plenty of other winners on New Zealand racetracks.

Sunline is by Western Symphony, who, like Desert Sun, is an ex-kiwi-based sire relocated to Victoria.

An obvious choice for breeders is to send **WESTERN SYMPHONY** mares to Desert Sun in an effort to emulate the Sunline's success. This cross creates several desirable family reinforcements. The LA TROIENNE family is represented in Desert Sun by Pardal, who meets with his half sister Donatella, third dam of Western Symphony's damsire Cornish Prince. Green Desert's damsire Sir Ivor traces to a three quarter sister to Menow, who appears in Western Symphony's sire, Nijinsky II. War Admiral, who appears twice in Green Desert's pedigree, has a strong affinity with Bold Ruler and Eight Thirty, who are prominent in Western Symphony. Desert Sun's damsire Hotfoot is by Firestreak, a descendant of ENIGMA. She is also the ancestress of Reigh Count, sire of Western Symphony's third damsire, Count Fleet.

Sunline's granddam McAngus however, also had a lot to do with the success of the cross with Desert Sun. Her sire Alvaro is a member of the illustrious MARCHETTA family, therefore reinforcing fellow family member Hotfoot, while his sire Rockefeller works very well with Danzig, who shares a common ancestor. In addition, McAngus' damsire Better Honey is out of a sister to Crepello's dam - Crepello sitting on Desert Sun's fourth remove.

IMPERIAL PRINCE mares should have a lot of success with Desert Sun. This cross creates sex balanced (i.e. through a son and a daughter) inbreeding to the tough Sir Ivor 4m x 3 f. The Dewhurst Stakes and Two Thousand Guineas winner Crepello is also sex balanced, 5m x 4f. Interesting and positive pattern reinforcement is created through Desert Sun's and Imperial Prince's respective dam lines. Desert Sun's second dam L'Anguissola is bred on a Crepello over Bois Roussel over Fairway cross, while Imperial Prince's dam Bleu Azur is bred on a Crepello over Fairway over Bois Roussel pattern. Again, Bois Roussel is sex balanced for enhancement of speed inheritance.

Imperial Prince himself is a MARCHETTA family descendant, reinforcing Desert Sun's damsire, Hotfoot (as well as Sir Ivor's grandsire Turn-to).

Hotfoot's second dam Rain is a sister to Festoon, who appears in **ST. JUDE**'s pedigree as the dam of Atilla. Atilla's sire Alcide is out of a three quarter sister to Hotfoot's damsire, Kingstone. In other words, Hotfoot and Atilla share a lot of genetic background! Add to this duplication of desirable ancestors such as Native Dancer, Bois Roussel, Sol Oriens, Nasrullah, Blenheim and his half brother King Salmon and you find a mating with enhanced genetic opportunity.

BRIEF TRUCE's oldest daughters are four this season, and their owners can steer them with some confidence towards Desert Sun. His sire Irish River and Irish River's damsire Klairon are both MARCHETTA family members, reinforcing Hotfoot. Irish River's grandsire Never Bend, who is often duplicated in the pedigrees of superior racehorses, is also present in Green Desert (through a daughter). Brief Truce's damsire is Northern Dancer, thereby creating a 4m x 4f pattern in the offspring.

Desert Sun's second damsire is Soderini. He was one of Crepello's soundest sons and traces to the top English sprinter-miler mare QURRAT-AL-AIN. This is where owners of mares by Victorian stalwart **OUR POETIC PRINCE** are also in luck. Qurrat-Al-Ain is also granddam of Gallant Man, who is second damsire of Our Poetic Prince. The LADY JOSEPHINE family is also very strong in this mating. Desert Sun has Nasrullah, Fair Trial (twice), Royal Charger, Mahmoud (twice) and his half sister Mah Iran (dam of Migoli) in his pedigree. Our Poetic Prince throws three more lines to Mahmoud and another to Migoli (sex balanced) into the pot as well as Aristophanes and more Fair Trial and Nasrullah. Like Western Symphony, Our Poetic Prince's sire Yeats is by Nijinsky II.

On the subject of QURRAT-AL-AIN, family members such as Silver Shark, Gallant Man, Royal Minstrel, Law Society, Alfarazdq and Reindeer can reinforce her line represented in Desert Sun by Soderini. Gallant Man (who is inbred to Mahmoud's dam), is damsire of the unfortunate stallion, **PINE CIRCLE**. Although meeting with an early demise, Pine Circle has produced some good winners and has around twenty daughters at stud. A mating with Desert Sun produces a good background of desirable line breeding reinforcement.