



Amarina Farm Newsletter.

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Sales News.

The 2009 Easter Yearling Sales were always going to be an auction vendors went into with crossed fingers. Even though Amarina's results were not exceptional by past standards, the farm did well and all were pleased with the end result. The usual story rang true, people competed for the horses they wanted, where as other lots struggled. Interest was strong on both parade and sale days, with a constant stream of inspections. All the horses paraded very professionally despite things getting a bit hairy down in Stable 3 at times, as it does with seven studs all competing for room in a limited area. Our top price was \$350,000 for the **Encosta De Lago x Ylang Ylang** filly who was purchased by Ralph Johns. The aggregate was just under 2 million, with the average and median being \$165,417 and \$175,000 respectively. Twelve were sold out of fourteen lots, a good result considering the circumstances. The table below displays the results for the Amarina draft.

<u>Lot</u>	<u>Col</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>	<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Price</u>
402	B.	Colt	Rock of Gibraltar (IRE)	Categorical (USA)	T Andrews WA	\$70,000
481	Br.	Colt	Danehill Dancer	Feminine Wiles (USA)	Passed \$50,000 Reserve \$60,000	Make an Offer

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28	B.	Colt	Pins	Howmuchyacharging (NZ)	Hancock Quality Bloodstock SA	\$110,000
233	Br.	Filly	Encosta de Lago	Sixty Seconds (NZ)	Michael Otto Bloodstock NEW ZEALAND	\$300,000
41	B.	Colt	Encosta de Lago	Joolzy (NZ)	Passed \$95,000 Reserve \$100,000	Make an Offer
194	G.	Colt	Anabaa (USA)	Rich Resource	Anthony Cummings Thoroughbreds NSW	\$200,000
W	Br.	Colt	Pins	Redzabetta (NZ)		Withdrawn
W	B.	Filly	Tale of the Cat (USA)	Mango Daiquiri (NZ)		Withdrawn
144	B.	Colt	Anabaa (USA)	Patterns	L Wilkinson/M Price VIC	\$145,000
285	B.	Filly	Snitzel	Trewornan (GB)	William Inglis As Agent NY UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	\$95,000
287	Ch.	Filly	Exceed and Excel	Trick Taker (USA)	Vin Cox Bloodstock Pty Ltd NSW	\$155,000
421	Ch.	Filly	Stratum	Condescendance (USA)	Arrowfield Training Centre Pty Ltd NSW	\$25,000
329	B.	Filly	Encosta de Lago	Ylang Ylang (IRE)	Ralph Johns Pty Ltd NSW	\$350,000
237	B.	Colt	Zabeel (NZ)	Smarts	John Foote Bloodstock Pty Ltd QLD	\$200,000
232	B.	Filly	Flying Spur	Sidestar (USA)	R Burnet NEW ZEALAND	\$85,000
130	B.	Filly	Encosta de Lago	Nevermore (USA)	Vin Cox Bloodstock Pty Ltd NSW	\$250,000

On a side note, following the completion of Easter Sales and the statistical sum up, the **Redoute's Choice x Bal Des Sirenes** colt sold at the Magic Millions Sale in January is still in the top 25 priced colts sold in Australasia this year.

The Mare Sale begins on Tuesday the 14th. With a strong draft hopefully all optimism for a successful sale is not misplaced.

The two entrants for this year's Scone Sale are in preparing for their day of reckoning on the 14th of May. All hopes are pinned on the staff horse, the **Grandera x Sailing Orders** colt. The other entrant is a filly by Coolmore stallion Spinning World, out of the Gilded Time mare; **Kaanapali**.



Encosta De Lago x Nevermore



Sales Inspections

Racing and Trials

30/3

The now retired **Lockleys Dance** had a winner at Tamworth when the seven year-old Quest for Fame gelding **Little Shrek** won over 1200m. This was his first start back after seven months, and his seventh win. Lockleys Dance briefly made a come back as a potential staff mare, but was relegated to nanny status after failing to get in foal. She has also produced winner of eight races, **Ollie Vollie** (x Belong to Me)

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Time was definitely of the essence when **Croix Du Sud (Howbaddouwantit x Fairdale Lass)** posted an emphatic win in the 2yo race at Awapuni in New Zealand. This is a full sister to Howmuchyacharging, who had a Pins colt entered in the Amarina draft, offered for sale two days later.

In Singapore at Kranji **Cigar Royale (Beautiful Crown x Royal Magenta)** won over 1200m. This is a half to the Tale of the Cat colt sold for \$30,000 at this years Magic Millions.

4/4 “Golden Slipper Day”

The runners at Rosehill rose to the occasion on Slipper Day and gained some good results. **Absent Friends (Dehere x Lady Mulan)**, a half to **Hollaback** the Fuisachi Pegasus mare being offered at this weeks Inglis Broodmare Sale, battled through several tight gaps after being held up to finish third in the Listed Daily Telegraph Neville Selwood Stakes. It was a gutsy run on a heavy track.

The next cab off the rank was 2007 Magic Millions graduate **Gallica (Redoute’s Choice x Swing Queen)** who started in the Group 1 Vinery Storm Queen Stakes. The Wood Nook bred filly chased hard but was unable to find that bit extra and finished third behind winner Purple.

Imananabaa (Anabaa x Iman) once again indicated her promise as a profitable investment for new owners SF Bloodstock by finishing third in the Goup 1 Queen of the Turf Stakes. She settled at the rear of the field and then went wide to run on and finish in the money.

Race seven was the Group 1 HE Tancred Stakes over 2400m. This was taken out by the Hawkes trained **Fiumicino** (Zabeel x Latte). This added further black type to the family of Graham De Gruchy owned and bred **Mocha** who is in foal to young Coolmore stallion Holy Roman Emperor. Fiumicino was also bred by Graham De Gruchy along with kiwi legend Sir Patrick Hogan. The family begins with superstar Horlicks, dam of Latte, and also includes classy runners Brew, Bubble, Fly the Flag, Solo Flyer, Balygoran, and Three Swallows.



Mocha, daughter of Horlicks



Fortune Streak, dam of Brava Fortune

The main event of the day had two Amarina related runners; **Reward for Effort** (Exceed and Excel x Miss Prospect) and **Zikmann** (Fastnet Rock x Belle Feline). Both were born at Amarina, and Zikmann carries the Amarina brand. Unfortunately it was not their day and they were outclassed by winner Phelan Ready. Reward for Effort was placed the better of the two, he looked promising when going to the front 150m out, then weakened to finish 7th.

On the same day at Ascot **Brava Fortune** (Flabrav x **Fortune Streak**) lined up in the Group 3 Burswood West Australian Oaks. This was a step up in class for the three-year-old Yarradale bred filly, and she was not out-matched finishing third. Fortune Streak is in foal Exceed and Excel this season, and has an Exceed and Excel weanling filly.

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The family of Graham De Gruchey's Horlicks and her offspring was once again successful at Kilmore. No Sugar (Lonhro x Latte) took out the 7th race over 1107m.

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At Canterbury **Starry Light** (Danehill Dancer x **Starry Strike**) had her third win of her career. Starry Light has been a consistent performer for the Gary Plowman owned Starry Strike.

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There were two runners at Moonee Valley that finished in the money. In R7 **Starfish** (Redoute's Choice x **Stella Cadente**) was third over 1200m. It has been a fortnight since the 3yo filly's win at Ballarat. She is a full sister to the \$200,000 filly sold at this years Magic Millions sale who was purchased by Belmont Bloodstock.

In the next race another Amarina nanny had success when **Broadarrow Babe** (Royal Academy x **Pheroz Fantasy**) won over 1200m. This was her second win from four starts following her purchase by Belmont Bloodstock from Amarina at the 2007 Easter Yearling Sale for \$160,000.

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At Ascot **Brava Fortune** (Falbrav x Fortune Streak) lined up again, and this time in the G1 Schweppes WATC Derby over 2400m. Finishing 5th, she put in a genuine effort and perhaps did not have lady luck on her side.

Newcastle proved to be a profitable hunting ground for Amarina. **Informality** (Elusive Quality x **Call Me Kathleen**), who spelled on the farm, took out the second race over 1200m breaking his maiden status. A half to **Imananabaa**, Music Maestro (x Stavinsky) won race 4, further improving the family value.

Walking Or Dancing (Falvelon x **Young Vic**) gained his 6th win when running over 1600m at Randwick. The half sister (x Zabeel) sold to K Dryden for \$130,000 at last year's Easter Yearling Sale has now been named and will run under the title **Claystone**. Young Vic is also the dam of Aim for Gold, who's Commands filly was sold for \$70,000 at this years Magic Millions Yearling Sale.

Also at Randwick, the Nicconi's Group 1 win deserves a mention as he is doing huge amounts to increase the Broodmare Value for Amarina resident **Recooperate**, who is in foal to Fastnet Rock.

At Wodonga **Zupatwo** (Flying Spur x **Cotoletta**) boosted his Dam's value when winning over 1400m. Cotoletta is due to be sold on Tuesday the 14th.



Sales Day Parades



Weanlings at Amarina

General Farm News

The latest rain has helped things freshen up and we are back to being green and the mowers running 24/7 to keep up with the latest flush of grass. Another lot of quarantine mares have arrived and are settling into the Southern Hemisphere way of living.

The boxes have been cleaned out and are in the process of being re-filled with new shavings ready for the weanlings to come in for a spell of further education. Each mob comes in for a week of handling to help imprint some lessons to make it easier when they come in as bigger and stronger yearlings.

The next month or so is the one quiet window in the years program before the breeding season kicks off so its time for respite and vacation for most of the staff!

Hope Easter was enjoyed by all,

Staff at Amarina Farm.