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Karaka—A Great Sale for Haunui

Karaka 2007 was completed in early February with the final session of yearlings selling at New Zealand Bloodstock's sales complex and with the final fall of the hammer, came record results for the yearling sales series – a significant result for the New Zealand industry.

Haunui Farm sold 26 yearlings throughout the New Zealand Yearling Sales Series and with 20 different stallions represented in the draft, there was a horse to suit any buyers' taste and budget.

The highlight of the sale was undoubtedly the equal second top price recorded by Lot 267, the Redoute's Choice colt out of Mascara who has been featured a number of times in the Haunui newsletter.

Knocked down to the bid of Australian trainer Peter Moody, he sold for $1.3 million to become the highest priced yearling ever sold at auction by Haunui Farm.

"It is every vendor's dream to offer a yearling at a sale that has the potential to make a million dollars," said Mark Chitty of Haunui Farm.

"It was well known that we purchased this colt as a weanling and paid a lot of money for him so the pressure was on to make that magical one million mark," he said. "We knew the interest was there it was just a matter of how much he would make and to crack the million was just a huge thrill – it's great for the farm, the staff, our partners in the colt and of course the sale," said Mark.

With 14 yearlings sold under the Haunui banner in the Premier Sale, the farm averaged $223, 393, almost $70,000 above the Premier Sale average. "Whilst it is always good to have that high priced individual in a draft, it is obviously important that we achieve good results across the board," said Mark.

Dubai Destination filly ex Mofajah

"Nine of the draft sold for six figure sums with two of our fillies selling particularly well – the Dubai Destination filly out of Mofajah who sold for $440,000 to Bruce Perry on behalf of Sam Kelt and the Stravinsky filly out of Fayre-form who was purchased by Graeme Rogerson for $240,000 – and those results are equally as pleasing," he said.

The past three seasons have been very successful on the track for Haunui graduates with four Group One winners over the last 18 months not to mention a total of 37 stakes performers.

"I am convinced these kinds of results give buyers the confidence to purchase yearlings that have been through a Haunui preparation and I'm sure that among the 26 yearlings that we sold last week, there will be more stakes performers to add to our honours board," said Mark.

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ELUSIVE CITY

TOP PRICE $170,000

3 COLTS SOLD FOR $150,000

PREMIER AVERAGE $93,000

SELECT AVERAGE $52,000

SALE AVERAGE $70,000

Among the yearlings offered by Haunui at Karaka 2007 were the first crop by Champion two-year-old and Group One-winner Elusive City (USA) (Elusive Quality).

"We had a very good feeling about the Elusive City's leading into the sale because we had received numerous positive comments about his progeny off the back of some on-farm parades," said Mark.

"Also, we sold his first yearling at the Magic Millions in Australia to Mark Pilkington for A$170,000 so that colt helped to create an impression with some of the Australian buyers and built some talk and momentum leading into Karaka," he said. Fifteen yearlings by Elusive City were sold in the Premier Sale for an average of just under $93,000 with a top price of $170,000 and two colts selling from $150,000.

The Elusive City colt out of Locomotee

The Select Sale also saw 15 Elusive City's sell with a top price of $150,000 and an average of just over $52,000.

"It isn't very often that you see a first season sire sell more than one yearling for over six figures in the Select Sale," said Mark, referring to the $150,000 paid for a colt out of French Flute and the $110,000 for the Locomotee colt sold from the Haunui draft. "It's a great result for breeders considering his first season service fee was $15,000," said Mark, "and if they come out and perform as we hope they will, it augers well for those who have supported him for the last two seasons," he said.

Elusive City yearlings were purchased by some of the world's leading bloodstock agents such as Angus Gold and Grant Pritchard-Gordon whilst some of Australasia's leading agents and trainers also signed for his progeny including Mark Pilkington, Kieran Moore, Gerald Ryan, Paul Moroney, Roger James and Bart Cummings.

Outstanding Results for The Don

Don Eduardo

Haunui's resident stallion, Don Eduardo is not to be forgotten when it comes to sales results. The second crop of Don Eduardo were presented at Karaka 2007 and after some pleasing reports from breakers and trainers in relation to his two-year-olds, his progeny were well sought after in the sales ring.

The Premier Sale saw two six figure fillies for "The Don" - a filly out of It's Spring Again fetched $190,000 to the bid of Paul Beamish. Acting on behalf of John Street, the filly will join the stable of Lisa Latta—trainer of Group One-winner Mikki Street who was sourced from Haunui as a yearling.

"She was an awesome filly," said Paul Beamish. "Going into the sale I never thought that I would be paying $190,00 for a Don Eduardo filly but she was just a stand out," he said.

The second filly to surpass six figures was sold from the Haunui draft. Out of the Danehill mare Precious Glitter, she was knocked down for $105,000 to the bid of John Shannon.

Only four yearlings were offered at the Premier Sale by Don Eduardo however, the quality was evident with an average of $98,750.

The select sale saw seven of his progeny sold through the ring with a top price of $72,500 and an average of $52,000.

"There has been a lot of positive talk about Don Eduardo's two-year-olds and it is pleasing to see good judges purchasing his progeny in his second year," says Mark.

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Carnival Sale—A new addition to the calendar

The New Zealand Sales Calendar has seen a re-jig in the last twelve months with the movement of the broodmare sale to July leaving the weanling sale as a stand alone sale in May.

Along with this re-jig has come the introduction of a new yearling sale, the Carnival Sale in March to coincide with one of the biggest week's of racing—Auckland Cup Week.

The Carnival Sale will take place on Friday the 9th of March with 259 yearlings to come under the hammer.

Haunui will offer a draft of seven yearlings at the inaugu-event—three colts and four fillies.

"Having a sale at this time of year in New Zealand will be very beneficial," said Mark Chitty.

"Even though it is only a few weeks after the main sale, that extra time can make a huge difference to some yearlings in terms of their growth and development," said Mark, "so it provides us with the opportunity to position some horses a little better," he said.

"In speaking to many buyers, the main sale was very strong and in some cases too strong," said Mark.

"There are still a lot of agents and trainers with orders to fill so I'm sure if vendors present the right horses at the Carnival Sale, there will be plenty of competition for them," he said.

Haunui will offer yearlings by Captain Rio, Postponed, Fantastic Light, More Than Ready and Van Nistelrooy.

You can view the full draft by visiting the sales section of our website—www.haunuifarm.co.nz

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Trials Winner for "The Don"

The last 6 months has seen more than a dozen two-year-olds by Don Eduardo hit the trials tracks both here and in Australia—a lot more than may have initially been expected.

With a number of trials place getters to his credit, the 13th of January saw his first trials winner, a grand type of filly out of Solveig's Song.

Bred and owned by Richard Moore, the filly is trained by Stephen McKee and hails from the Moore's very successful Soliloquy family.

All going well, the filly will be named and a suitable race will be found for her in the weeks ahead.

"By all reports the filly won very impressively and the way Stephen McKee's stable is firing at present, it would be great if he could produce Don Eduardo's first winner," said Mark Chitty.

Easter Yearlings on Track

Haunui's six Easter yearlings are booked to fly to Australia on the 3rd of April and they are well on track in their preparation.

With an even split of colts and fillies, there is plenty to suggest that this draft will continue the success that Haunui has had selling at the William Inglis Easter Sale.

"We have enjoyed some great success selling at the Easter Sale," said Mark Chitty, "and this year's draft is the best we have presented," he said.

Yearlings by Zabeel, Flying Spur, Elusive Quality and Montjeu with close relations to The Duke, Coogee Walk, Flitter and Cheeky Choice give the draft a true international flavour.

Haunui's Easter yearling draft can be viewed by visiting the sales section of our website www.haunuifarm.co.nz.

Weaning Underway

Weaning is already underway at Haunui with 50 foals already through the early stages of their handling.

"We decided to get a head start on things this year and we started the weaning process just after the New Year," said Mark Chitty. "With the drier weather on the way I always think it is better to get the mares and foals through the weaning process and it allows the weanlings to go forward as quickly as possible," said Mark.

Visitors Welcome

As always, we welcome any of you who wish to come to the farm to see any of your bloodstock and after the busy sales period, we look forward to catching up with you all again. If we can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact either Mark or

Shannon at the Haunui office.