

Best Of Bordeaux

Best of Bordeaux is an exemplary product of one of the most successful sire lines in Australian history, the first three ancestors on his tail male line all being Champion Australian stallions. His sire Snitzel, still very much active at stud, is also proving to produce some superior sires.

His grandsire Redoute's Choice, Nijinsky II and Try My Best via his damsire Last Tycoon, are members of the influential TORPENHOW family. Best of Bordeaux should welcome the presence of other family members in mares' pedigrees, such as **DOMESDAY**, **THE MINSTREL** (sire of **PALACE MUSIC**), **MANHATTAN RAIN**, **RUBICK**, **HURRICANE SKY**, **XAAR**, **UMATILLA**, **MASTERCLASS**, **NEW REGENT**, **EL GRAN SENOR**, **SPINNING WORLD**, **GIELGUD**, **FAR NORTH**, **FREE AMERICA**, **RULER** and **DENON**. Group 1 winner Trapeze Artist is by Snitzel out of a Domesday mare, Rubick is additionally appealing as his sire Encosta de Lago is damsire of four Group 1 winners by Snitzel.

Best of Bordeaux' damsire High Chaparral is by Sadler's Wells. A descendant of THONG, he is a brother to **FAIRY KING**, best represented by sons **ENCOSTA DE LAGO**, **SHINKO KING** and **FALBRAV**, the daughters of which have produced several stakes winners by Snitzel or his sons. Encosta de Lago's sire descendants include **NORTHERN METEOR**, **DEEP FIELD ZOUSTAR**, **RUBICK**, **MANHATTAN RAIN** and **NEEDS FURTHER**. **NUREYEV** is a three-quarter brother to Sadler's Wells and also has a great record when combined with Snitzel in a mating. Daughters by his sons including **STRAVINSKY**, **ZILZAL**, **EL PRADO** (and sons **ARTIE SCHILLER**, **KITTEN'S JOY & MEDAGLIA D'ORO**), **POLISH PRECEDENT**, **SPINNING WORLD** and **PEINTRE CELEBRE** appeal.

ZABEEL's damsire is Nureyev (above) and he has produced 8 individual Group winners by Snitzel.

Apart from his son Zabeel, **SIR TRISTRAM** himself is a desirable element in mares for Best of Bordeaux, with Snitzel having produced Group winners from mares by **HULA TOWN**, **MARAUDING**, **DALMACIA** and **OCTAGONAL** in addition to mares carrying *daughters* of Sir Tristram. **GROSVENOR**, **RESET**, **LONHRO**, **KAAPSTAD**, **SOVEREIGN RED**, **EL QAHIRA**, **MILITARY PLUME**, **SAVABEEL** and **DR GRACE** are also appealing.

ZOUSTAR is out of a Redoute's Choice mare, creating a sex balanced pattern, while his sire Northern Meteor offers two lines to THONG, making his daughters appealing for Best of Bordeaux.

Duplication of Storm Bird (second damsire of Snitzel) has worked well for the sire, with G1 winners such as Trapeze Artist, Duais, In the Congo and Yearning carrying this pattern. Broodmare sires such as **DOMESDAY** (who also reinforces the tail female line of Redoute's Choice), **POSTPONED**, **BLUEBIRD**, **HENNESSY** (and male descendants **JOHANNESBURG**, **SCAT DADDY**, **JUSTIFY**, **CARAVAGGIO & NO NAY NEVER**), **GIANT'S CAUSEWAY** (and descendants **SHAMARDAL**, **PUISSANCE DE LUNE & LOPE DE VEGA**), **BLACK MINNALOUSHE**, **VAN NISTELROOY** and **TALE OF THE CAT** carry Storm Bird. He is also present in **AMERICAN PHAROAH**.

Duplicating Nijinsky II is also a successful pattern, present in Snitzel-line Group winners such as Shamus Award, Tan Tat Sun, Menari etc. **ROYAL ACADEMY**, **CAERLEON**, **BEL ESPRIT**, **WESTERN SYMPHONY**, **YEATS**, **WHISKEY ROAD**, **BLETCHLEY PARK**, **KALA DANCER**, **UMATILLA**, **FANTASTIC LIGHT**, **SUCCESS EXPRESS** and **QUEST FOR FAME** all offer another line to Nijinsky II.

HALO line broodmares are also desirable. A close relation to Danehill and Northern Dancer (6 lines in Best of Bordeaux), Halo can be found via daughters / granddaughters of **MORE THAN READY** (and sons such as **SEBRING** and **BETTER THAN READY**), **DON'T SAY HALO**, **FUJI KISEKI**, **SOUTHERN IMAGE**, **SUNDAY SILENCE**, **DUBLEO** and **IRGUN**.

MACHIAVELLIAN is not only another relation of Danehill et al, he is out of a daughter of Halo. His male descendants include **STREET CRY**, **STREET BOSS**, **PER INCANTO**, **PRIDE OF DUBAI**, **STREET SENSE**, **HALLOWED CROWN** and **VETTORI**.

Best of Bordeaux carries LADY SUSAN family members Danzig and Bletchingly via Redoute's Choice. The third ancestor who appears many times with these two is **ROCKEFELLA**. Sources of Rockefeller include **INVINCIBLE SPIRIT, STAR WAY, DANEHILL DANCER, BALMERINO, ALVARO, FAMOUS STAR, LONG ROW, GYPSY KINGDOM, IDEAL PLANET, KEEN, RADAMES, SWITCH IN TIME** and **CREESE**. Invincible Spirit's son **I AM INVINCIBLE** also creates duplications of Canny Lad, Kris, Lunchtime, Danzig and Sir Ivor with Best of Bordeaux.

The duplication of Mill Reef in Best of Bordeaux' dam suggests that fellow BLACK RAY family member **BLUSHING GROOM** is desirable. He can be accessed via **QUEST FOR FAME, SPECTRUM, REDDING, NOVERRE, NASHWAN, NASSIPOUR** and **FANTASTIC LIGHT** mares. This cross is proven, with **MILLIONAIRE** being the damsire of Snitzel's G1 winner Redzel; Russian Revolution's damsire **STRAVINSKY** out of a Blushing Groom mare; Wild Ruler's maternal grandsire **AWESOME AGAIN** is out of a Blushing Groom mare; and Hot Snitzel's dam by Blushing Groom.

Snitzel has also produced G1 winners out of mares by **TIMBER COUNTRY** (Sweet Idea), **RUBITON** (Redzel), **SUCCESS EXPRESS** (Shamus Award), **FRAAR** (Snitzerland), **CHARGE FORWARD** (Estijaab) and **GENERAL NEDIYM** (I Am Excited, Ellsburg and Sizzling). Best of Bordeaux' dam also looks compatible with these damsires.

Sex balancing of **KENMARE** (third damsire of Best of Bordeaux) can be achieved through mares carrying his sons such as **VERGLAS, METAL STORM, KELTRICE, KALAGLOW** and **JEUNE**.