

St Mark's Basilica

Beaten only once in his last seven starts, St Mark's Basilica joined an elite group of horses, including Nijinsky, Mill Reef, El Gran Senor, Shamardal, Teofilo, New Approach and Frankel, which have followed up a victory in the Gr.1 Dewhurst Stakes at two with a classic victory. In fact, he won two classics – the Poule d'Essai des Poulains and Prix du Jockey-Club – before defeating the older horses in the Eclipse and Irish Champion Stakes. St Mark's Basilica is a son of the Group 1-winning 2YO Siyouni, and Cabaret, who was also a Group-winning 2YO.

Four of Siyouni's ten Gr.1 winners are inbred within four generations to **DANZIG**. Mares from the **GREEN DESERT** branch of the **DANZIG** line therefore have obvious appeal for St Mark's Basilica, as it was **INVINCIBLE SPIRIT** who sired his classic-winning half-brother. Siyouni sired two more of his classic winners, the Prix de Diane winner Laurens, and the outstanding miler Tahiyra from daughters of **CAPE CROSS**. St Mark's Basilica should also suit daughters of **OASIS DREAM**, **SEA THE STARS**, **LAWMAN** and **KINGMAN**. Siyouni's Australian Gr.1 winner Amelia's Jewel is inbred 3x4 to **DANEHILL**.

Siyouni has Group winners out of mares by **KINGMAMBO**'s sons **KING'S BEST** (the classic-winning Ervedya) and **LEMON DROP KID**. **KINGMAMBO** also sired the second dam of the smart Sacred Life. **MACHIAVELLIAN** sired the second dam of Gr.1 winner Dream And Do and is also broodmare sire of Gr.2 winner Volta. **GONE WEST**'s son **ZAMINDAR** is the broodmare sire of three of Siyouni's black-type horses, including Zaykava. This suggests that daughters of **ZAFONIC**, **RAVEN'S PASS**, **IFFRAAJ** and **WOOTTON BASSETT** could suit St Mark's Basilica. Siyouni also has Listed winners out of mares by **DUBAWI** and his son **MAKFI**.

Mares from three generations of the **STORM CAT** male line have been working well with Siyouni. He has SWs out of daughters of **GIANT'S CAUSEWAY**, **SHAMARDAL** and **LOPE DE VEGA**, with **SHAMARDAL**'s 20 foals featuring three SWs, as well as the Gr.1-placed Marieta. Daughters of **LOPE DE VEGA** could be especially suitable for St Mark's Basilica. **SIYOUNI** also has a Stakes winner out of a **JOHANNESBURG** mare, which opens the door to daughters of **SCAT DADDY** and **NO NAY NEVER**.

St Mark's Basilica is out of a **GALILEO** mare, as is the very successful stallion **NIGHT OF THUNDER**. **NIGHT OF THUNDER** has Gr.2, Gr.3 and Listed winners inbred 3x3 to **GALILEO**. Mares by **TEOFILO** and **FRANKEL** would also produce 4x4 to **DANEHILL**, but daughters of the likes of **NATHANIEL**, **NEW APPROACH**, **AUSTRALIA** and **GLENEAGLES** avoid Danehill inbreeding.

Siyouni has Group winners out of several **SADLER'S WELLS** line mares. He has done very well with the **MONTJEU** branch, siring the outstanding Gr.1 winner Paddington from a daughter of **MONTJEU** and Gr.1 winner Etoile from a mare by Montjeu's son **AUTHORIZED**, plus a Gr.2 winner from a **MOTIVATOR** mare. Mares by **CAMELOT** are the obvious option for St Mark's Basilica. There are also Group winners out of daughters of **EL PRADO**, **MEDAGLIA D'ORO**, **POLIGLOTE** and **BEAT HOLLOW**. He also has Group winners with second dams by **SADLER'S WELLS**.

Multiple Gr.1 winner Paddington is inbred 4x4 to **NUREYEV**, his second line coming via **PEINTRE CELEBRE**.

St Mark's Basilica has a 2nd dam by **LEAR FAN** but more **ROBERTO** blood could suit, as Siyouni has two black-type winners with mares from the **ROBERTO** male line and **DR FONG** sired the 2nd dam of the top-notch Tahiyra.

AHONOORA appears in the 4-generation pedigrees of several of Siyouni's Group winners, including those of the Gr.1-winning fillies Laurens and Tahiyra. The Gr.2 winner Lights On has a dam by **INCHINOR**.

Sottsass and his fellow classic winner Laurens both have 2nd dams from the **NIJINSKY** line. Mares with some **NIJINSKY** blood should suit St Mark's Basilica.