



When It Works, It Works

All eyes must have been on the revival of Select at Val de Vie. Breeders had nominated what they thought were their plum lots, different from years gone by, when the sales company decided on Select status, based on a point system. Select sales used to be wildly successful then.

So how did it pan out at Val de Vie?

In the end the Select session was whittled down to a mere two dozen, two of which were N-hemisphere bred 2yo's. The top six prices were all Select yearlings, and four non-Select yearlings slipped into the top-fifteen. Ironically, those four were all consigned by vendors already well represented in the Select portion of the sale. Breeders don't know everything, it seems.

Top price was achieved by a Dynasty colt out of stakes placed Jet Master mare Kiss And Fly, from a solid black type family. John Freeman had to go to R1.1 million for the Varsfontein consigned youngster. The same farm also had the next two highest lots. Hassen Adams bid 950k for the Gimmethgreen light colt out of Fort Wood mare Secret Mission. The mare is full sister to the dam of Breeder's Cup Juvenile winner Pluck, who is by More Than Ready – also Gimmie's sire. The trifecta was completed by a Captain Al colt out of Fillies Classic winner Caughtinthelips, knocked down at 900k.

Comparisons with previous Cape sales are impossible to make, given the changing landscape of the last three years. That said, the new Val de Vie sale had a median of 120k (150k for colts, with fillies a disappointing 80k). These medians are considerably higher than those of last year's KZN and National 2yo Sale, but the fact that only 80 yearlings changed hands here could well have influenced the numbers to an extent.

Assuming that Select will now be a thing of the future again, it might help if nominating breeders would be charged a minimum commission on Select entries – on say a set (sizeable) amount, or alternatively if there are n Select yearlings catalogued, the n-th highest price. That can only help to weed out chancy entries which spoil the broth, and will make the Select portion a truly valuable addition to a sale – for both buyers and sellers.

sire/horse	dam	damsire	price	SI	buyer
ARCHIPENKO					
Royal Honour	c Reputable	Medicean	150.000	0.54	Philip Kahan
Little Gypsy	c Star On Stage	Sadler's Wells	150.000	0.54	Kuda Insurance
ARGONAUT					
13Netma	c Netma	National Assembly	0		Not Sold
13Park Lane	c Park Lane	Elliodor	100.000	0.36	Reinel Hass
13Cashmere 'N Caviar	c Cashmere 'n Caviar	Fort Wood	180.000	0.64	Afj Duncan
13La Galante	f La Galante	Elliodor	0		Withdrawn
13Couturier	f Couturier	Fort Wood	40.000	0.33	J T Freeman
BLACK MINNALOUSHE					
Cat In The Hat	c National Emergency	National Assembly	80.000	0.29	Sport City Trust
BLUE TIGER					
Mercury Fire	c Grey Rose	Tiger Ridge	100.000	0.36	Mike Bass
13Necochea	f Necochea	Roy	40.000	0.33	Sport City Trust
Tiger Star	f Festival Parade	Elliodor	70.000	0.58	Sport City Trust
BOLD SILVANO					
Sportiv	c Sportgirl	Tiger Ridge	0		Not Sold
Sweet Sylvie	f Deadly Catch	Windrush	50.000	0.41	Stonehill Stud
Silver Bouquet	f Jellisa	Jet Master	80.000	0.66	Glen Kotzen
CAPTAIN AL					
Doosra	c Caughtinthelips	Caesour	900.000	3.21	Triple 8 Clothing
Risk All	f Secret Risk	London News	0		Not Sold
DUPONT					
Cape Infanta	f Admiral's Daughter	Captain Al	20.000	0.17	Ag Racing
DYNASTY					
Colonel Bluff	c Key Bluff	Qui Danzig	0		Withdrawn
Oracle	c Express Queen	Jet Master	475.000	1.70	Form Bloodstock
Playboy Prince	c Kiss And Fly	Jet Master	1.200.000	4.29	J T Freeman
FORT WOOD					
Love Triangle	c Lover's Lover	Woodman	125.000	0.45	Peter De Beyer
GIMMETHGREENLIGHT					
Archduke Max	c Duchess Daba	National Assembly	100.000	0.36	Glen Puller
Ididitmyway	c Fortify	Fort Wood	120.000	0.43	A O'connor
Hack Green	c Secret Mission	Fort Wood	950.000	3.39	Hassen Adams
Hither Green	f Rubirosa	Rakeen	50.000	0.41	Afj Duncan
On Your Marks	f Morisot	Royal Academy	90.000	0.75	J T Freeman
Green Pepper	f Pimento	Fort Wood	300.000	2.49	B Le Roux
GITANO HERNANDO					
Los Ninos	c Autograf	Becker	70.000	0.25	Sport City Trust
13Lady Perez	f Lady Perez	West Man	0		Not Sold
13Ruby Heart	f Ruby Heart	Western Winter	0		Withdrawn
Red Silk	f challis	Rakeen	20.000	0.17	Paul Lafferty
GOLDEN SWORD					
On Guard	f Opposition	Al Mufti	50.000	0.41	Pine Lodge Stud
GREAT BRITAIN					
Lady Of The World	f Worldwide	Lavery	80.000	0.66	Team G
HORSE CHESTNUT					
Levi Lady	f Blue Jean Baby	Goldmark	130.000	1.08	Leahy
Over The Rainbow	f Cosima Liszt	Rich Man's Gold	300.000	2.49	Varsfontein Stud
IDEAL WORLD					
Mangrove	c Neck Of The Woods	Al Mufti	110.000	0.39	Sport City Trust
Wireless	c Efstfull	Fort Wood	150.000	0.54	T&L Stables
Bridal Party	f Brides Dream	Strike Smartly	85.000	0.71	Marcus Racing

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Onesie	f Treaj Pots	Rich Man's Gold	130.000	1.08	Brian Burnard
13Temperate Lady	f Temperate Lady	Western Winter	250.000	2.07	Peter De Beyer
Espresso Martini	f Mocha Special	Silvano	400.000	3.32	Paul Lafferty
JAY PEG					
Streaming	f Streams Of Song	Windrush	0		Not Sold
JUDPOT					
Judd Power	c Prototype	Model Man	0		Withdrawn
Designer Pot	c Cruise Collection	Model Man	240.000	0.86	Hemel 'n Aarde Stud
Super Over	c Follow On	Caesour	350.000	1.25	Ag Racing
Pots Of Money	f Money For Old Rope	Strike Smartly	0		Not Sold
Pint Pot	f Peppermint	Hallgate	100.000	0.83	Hemel 'n Aarde Stud
Maleficent	f Kite Runner	Kabool	160.000	1.33	Ag Racing
Sea Cloud	f Royal Yacht	Caesour	260.000	2.16	I Van Schalkwyk
Final Judgement	f Final Claim	Proclaim	500.000	4.15	Glen Kotzen
KILDONAN					
13noble Cat	f Noble Cat	Hennessy	25.000	0.21	Simon Burgess
KING'S APOSTLE					
Jozi King	c Boomtown Girl	Jallad	0		Not Sold
LATERAL					
Earth Hour	c Olwana Olive	Western Winter	400.000	1.43	Patrick Kruyer
MAIN AIM					
Clear Aim	c Clarity	Elliodor	110.000	0.39	J T Freeman
Madiba Dance	c Sovereign Beat	National Emblem	250.000	0.89	Gavin Smith Stables
MAMBO IN SEATTLE					
Pure Logic	c Pearl River	Jallad	0		Withdrawn
Seattle Spell	c Magic Aura	Al Mufti	100.000	0.36	Howell's Racing
Rio Mambo	c Carnival Girl	Al Mufti	120.000	0.43	Triple 8 Clothing
Quebec Queen	f Sherbrooke	Red Ransom	0		Not Sold
Direct Line	f Hear My Prayer	Hector Protector	30.000	0.25	D Alexander
Rebecca Rolfe	f Wicomico	Al Mufti	30.000	0.25	Triple 8 Clothing
MOGOK					
Pagoda	c Pascha	Wolfhound	100.000	0.36	Gv Woodruff
NOORDHOEK FLYER					
13seraphim Falls	c Seraphim Falls	Kahal	20.000	0.07	Glen Puller
13Super Sarah	c Super Sarah	Wolfhound	150.000	0.54	Sport City Trust
13miss Maddie	f Miss Maddie	Barathea	0		Not Sold
13touche	f Touche	Jet Master	25.000	0.21	Cash Customer
13The Zone	f The Zone	Restructure	160.000	1.33	Sport City Trust
Captain's Girl	f Captain's Heart	Captain Al	240.000	1.99	Mauritzfontein Stud
PATHFORK					
Impimpi	c Bright Wolf	Wolfhound	240.000	0.86	Glen Kotzen
Taita Falcon	f Falconry	West Man	0		Not Sold
Turnpike	f Lexington Love	Old Testament	0		Not Sold
13land Of Wilkes	f Land Of Wilkes	Diesis	40.000	0.33	Stonehill Stud
Red Berry Candle	f Light My Candle	Silvano	70.000	0.58	Peter De Beyer
PHILANTHROPIST					
The Slade	c Aquatint	Peintre Celebre	0		Withdrawn
The Alchemist	c Santiago	Fort Wood	220.000	0.79	J T Freeman
Venice In May	c Broadway Lady	Ordway	250.000	0.89	Drakenstein Stud
Wish To Land	c Wishing Chair	Giant's Causeway	600.000	2.14	J T Freeman
Sixth Station	f Veronica	Fort Wood	50.000	0.41	Stonehill Stud
QUERARI					
Quinine	f Olive Route	Saumarez	90.000	0.75	Ag Racing
Cuveo	f Fairy Song	Almushtarak	100.000	0.83	Gavin Smith Stables
RIGHT APPROACH					
Rightful King	c Cymbeline	Counter Action	0		Not Sold
Oops A Daisy	f Rose Of Damascus	Diesis	20.000	0.17	Stonehill Stud
Omo Power	f Squeaky Clean	Model Man	150.000	1.24	Stonehill Stud
ROYAL AIR FORCE					
Imperial Russia	c Baltic Fury	Qui Danzig	0		Not Sold
Conroy	c Jodi's Gold	Goldmark	90.000	0.32	Gavin Almanza
Oakley Court	f Running On Faith	Casey Tibbs	0		Not Sold
13foxy Girl	f Foxy Girl	Camden Park	60.000	0.50	Patrick Kruyer
SAIL FROM SEATTLE					
Bruce's Beauty	c Island Splendour	Al Mufti	0		Not Sold
Raised Sail	c Divine Caesour	Caesour	60.000	0.21	Gavin Almanza
Zloty Potok	c Zloty	Goldmark	130.000	0.46	Brian Burnard
Oval Office	c Noble Destiny	Royal Chalice	200.000	0.71	Hemel 'n Aarde Stud
Candy Sails	f Sugar Club	Model Man	0		Not Sold
SILVANO					
One Direction	c Prestine Performer	Rambo Dancer	0		Withdrawn
STRATEGIC NEWS					
13bedazzled	c Bedazzled	Black Minnaloushe	20.000	0.07	Gavin Almanza
13juliet Rose	f Juliet Rose	Kahal	0		Not Sold
THOMAS CROWN					
On The Clock	f Night And Day	Rich Man's Gold	225.000	1.87	Mike Bass
TIGER RIDGE					
Le Tigre	c Traviata	Elliodor	100.000	0.36	TI Kriel
One Man Show	c Solo Performance	Sadler's Wells	160.000	0.57	Dean Kennemeyer
Oystercatcher	c Loofah	Fort Wood	425.000	1.52	Form Bloodstock
TREADOR					
13miss Du Bois	c Miss Du Bois	Count Dubois	40.000	0.14	Greg Ennion
Goodbye Georgie	f Kiss For Kate	Jallad	0		Not Sold
TRIPPI					
Cathedral County	c Celtic Cross	Fort Wood	0		Withdrawn
Gold Standard	c Olympic Dam	Model Man	725.000	2.59	Glen Kotzen
Milden Spell	c Milden Magic	National Emblem	750.000	2.68	J T Freeman
Pretty Popular	f Secret Pleasure	Al Mufti	0		Withdrawn
VAR					
13Time Control	c Time Control	Complete Warrior	850.000	3.04	Form Bloodstock
Himmel	f Sky Bells	Mi Cielo	160.000	1.33	Ken Truter
WARM WHITE NIGHT					
13Kimberley Club	c Kimberley Club	Fort Wood	120.000	0.43	Kerry Jack Bloodstoc
WINDRUSH					
Tweak The Wind	c Twing	Act One	20.000	0.07	J T Freeman