

Red Ray

Western Winter – Nacarat by Pas de Quoi

Unravelling a pedigree is a puzzle. When dealing with successful families, much can be gleaned from the way the best runners of the clan are bred. Then again, the obvious can be misleading, in cases where opportunity fuzzes the picture. Such is the case with Red Ray, where immediate family members originate from the same farm, which also has a highly successful stallion. The stallion gets to cover many of the family members, and success abounds. Now the question is, was it the stallion, the family, or both? Where should the focus be to secure future success?

Western Winter got topclass runners from Red Ray's grandam Tawny Red (by Northfields), and from two of her daughters, Nacarat (by Pas de Quoi) and Red Parade (by Parade Leader).

But Tawny Red and Nacarat also had topclass runners from matings to other stallions than Western Winter (Parade Leader, Go Deputy). Which suggests a deeper look into the family.

Tawny Red is a daughter of Port Wine (Plum Bold), which makes her a half sister to Horse of the Year and sire Royal Chalice (Royal Prerogative) and his capable but unsound half brother Portamento (Argosy).

The key to the castle may be Port Wine's dam, the closely kinbred Flame, a stakes placed stakes winner. Flame is dam of four stakes winners and two dams & grandams of stakes winners, the progeny including Gr1 performers Honour The Guest (Tilden), Bushmanland (Centenary) and possible the best of them all Divine Forest (Jungle Cove), who sadly died at three.

This gives some angles.

Flame comes from a line of closely kinbred female line ancestors. Flame herself is kinbred 3x2 Buzz Fuzz x Puss Moth. The dam of Divine Forest is Over Royal, by Royal Affair whose kinbreeding (4x3x2 Picture x Amuse x Mazard) kin-links to Puss Moth. The key to Royal Affair is his sire Royal Pardon, by Court Martial.

A look at Red Ray's sire Western Winter, whose dam Chilly Hostess is by Vice Regent out of Impressive Lady.

Vice Regent is kinbred 3x4x5x5x6 Lady Angela x Composure x Golden Feast x Most Beautiful x Bellamia.

Impressive Lady is 4x4x3x4x5 Picture x Lavendula x Lady Angela x Sceptical x Golden Feast.

The key is Golden Feats, dam of Nandi who is doubled in the pedigree of Chilly Hostess.

Western Winter's sire Gone West is kinbred 4x3 Miss Dogwood x Mixed Marriage. The latter is kin to all of Lady Angela, Composure, Sceptical, Most Beautiful, Picture, Lavendula and Golden Feast.

Mixed Marriage (by Tudor Minstrel) is a noted kin-link in pedigrees with Court Martial. Western Winter's best progeny appear to support the significance of this.

Also, Puss Moth is close kin to all of Mixed Marriage, Court Martial and Golden Feast.

More can be gleaned from the kin-relatives with backgrounds as found in the Gr1 progeny sired by Royal Chalice. Without going into great detail about the findings, interesting in this context would be descendants of Kit Kat (Mexico x Seal Kitten, the latter close kin to Beylic in Captain Al's bottom-line, both by Field Master with Hyperion and from Fam. 6 – thus leading to Captain Al), descendants of Sara's Warning (the closely kinbred dam of Noble Destiny, Gypsy's Warning, Royal Prophecy), descendants of Party Time (widespread), descendants of British Pride (leading to Malta/Cockney descendants).

There's added interest from kin-relatives with backgrounds as found in Flame's daughter Port Wine. Her sire Plum Bold is by Bold Ruler, who leads to Complete Warrior and Jungle Cove. The latter sired sisters Jungle Class and Classy Play (their dam by Jan Ekels), who lead to Legislate and his sire Dynasty, and also to Roxy Café - who is by Royal Chalice, and is dam of Gr1 Roxanne (by Western Winter), who in turn is dam of SW Sting Operation, by Captain Al. Roxy Café is half sister to Going Astray (by Foveros), dam of Lady Curator (by Pas de Quoi), who is dam of Gr2 Lion In Winter (by Western Winter). Also in this context Futura, by Dynasty, whose grandam

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Suitable mares for Red Ray could include

1. kin-relatives with backgrounds as found in Tudor Minstrel, Mixed Marriage (Gone West, Sharpen Up, Kris, Diesis, Pole Position, Known Fact, My Earl); Aimee (Blushing Groom, Jallad, Rainbow Quest, etc. – widespread); Averof/Foveros; Aberrant (widespread, but notably Golden Thatch (Goldmark), Thatching (Restructure), Derring-Do (Jan Ekels, Roland Gardens, Popcorn, etc.); Court Martial (widespread, but notably Elliodor (Model Man), Capture Him, Lords, Welsh Harmony (National Emblem); Drum Beat; Mexico (Harry Hotspur); etc.
2. kin-relatives with backgrounds as found in Gr1 performers sired by Royal Chalice, notably descendants of Kit Kat (Mexico x Seal Kitten, the latter close kin to Beylic in Captain Al's bottom-line, both by Field Master with Hyperion and from Fam. 6 – thus leading to Captain Al), descendants of Sara's Warning (closely kinbred dam of Noble Destiny, Gypsy's Warning, Royal Prophecy, etc), descendants of Party Time (widespread), descendants of British Pride (leading to Malta/Cockney descendants), etc.
3. kin-relatives with backgrounds as found in Port Wine's sire Plum Bold, by Bold Ruler, leading to Complete Warrior (Captain Al), Jungle Cove (widespread, but notably sisters Jungle Class/Classy Play (their dam by Jan Ekels), who lead to Legislate and his sire Dynasty, and also to Roxy Café (by Royal Chalice, dam of Gr1 Roxanne by Western Winter, in turn dam of SW Sting Operation by Captain Al) – Roxy Café is sibling to Going Astray (by Foveros), dam of Lady Curator (by Pas de Quoi), dam of Gr2 Lion In Winter (by Western Winter)); also in this context Futura, by Dynasty, whose grandam is by Western Winter, and 3rd dam by Golden Thatch out of a Plum Bold mare; and Oratorio, who is from the same female line as Plum Bold and whose grandam is by Alydar and thus doubled up on the female line.

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