# Russian Sage

#### **RACE RECORD**

6 wins, 1000-2000m, at 2 and 3, in South Africa, Dubai & UK

Rated MR 107 (at 3 in SA) – Timeform 122 (at 4 in Dubai)

At 3 WON Gr1 Cape Derby (2000m) WON Gr1 Daily News 2000

WON Gr2 Selangor Cup (1600m)
2nd Gr1 Cape Guineas (1600m)
2nd Gr2 Natal Guineas (1600m)
2nd Sophomore Sprint-(L) (1200m)

At 4 2nd **Gr2** Jebel Hatta (1800m) At 5 3rd Thukela Hcp-**(L)** (1600m)

#### **SIRE LINE**

JALLAD – Gr2/Gr3 winning sprinter/miler; sire of Gr1 winners from 1000m to 3200m, incl Horse of the Year Free My Heart; **Champion Sire** in South Africa in 2002; sire of sires; broodmare sire of Gr1 winners of both sexes

Notable progeny incl Gr1 winners Free My Heart (95c - Topsider, Dancing Champ; MR 116); Vega (01c - Argosy, Jamaico; MR 113); Divine Jury (03c - Al Mufti, Northfields; MR 109); Succesful Bidder (01c - Averof, Lords; MR 108); Grande Jete (97c - Truely Nureyev, Pedlar; MR 108); Russian Sage (04c - Badger Land, Jamaico; MR 107); Scarena (94f - Ringaro, Gran Atleta; MR 107); Major Bluff (99c - Dancing Champ, Telefonico; MR 106); Zebra Crossing (01c - Northfields, Snow Bluff; MR 105); James Jaguar (00c - Zilzal, Al Hattab; MR 105); Aames Jaguar (00c - Zilzal, Al Hattab; MR 104); Talahatchie (02c - Flaming Rock, Foveros; MR 101); Lyrical Linda (00f - Royal Prerogative, Linacre; MR 95); Zirconeum (05f - Kenmare, Haulpak; MR 101); and Gr2/3 winners Tornado King (98c - Rubiton, Bletchingly; MR 109); Whacky Lad (96c - Miswaki, Circle Home; MR 108); Kapil (02c - Bletchingly, Spectacular Bid; MR 110); Steiger (98c - Sunny North, Ambiopoise; MR 103); lcy Air (99f - Northern Guest, Luthier; MR 101); Gaultier (04c - Danzig, Exclusive Native; MR 108); Jalberry (00f - Centaine, Whiskey Road; MR 96); Sweet Sanette (05f - National Assembly, R.Prerogative; in HK); etc.

KIN-BREEDING: Jallad is kinbred (2)x3x3 (Red God) x Aimee x Ajasco. Ajasco's dam Ngatawa is kinbred 3x2x3 Rosy Legend x Gadabout x Francolin. Rosy Legend is dam of Dante, Gadabout is a daughter of Arabella – Dante and Arabella are duplicated in Jallad's dam Petrava. Francolin is close kin to Hyperion.

Kin-breeding through Aimee and/or Ajasco is evident in Jallad's best runners.

Blushing Groom-line sires in South Africa: Russian Sage, Battersea Park (Jallad), Lundy's Liability (Candy Stripes); Spectrum (Rainbow Quest)

# **SALES ANALYSIS**

BORN	colt avg	sold	SI	filly avg	sold	SI
'12	65,000	10	0.53	47,500	8	0.60
'13	45,000	7	0.44	26,250	4	0.35

## **PEDIGREE**

Sage Blue, the dam of Russian Sage, is kinbred 4x2 Avignon x Blue Swift 89%.

Blue Swift is the dam of Champion fillies Cerulean Blue and Grey Sun, and should be significant. Blue Swift is kinbred 3x3 Lavendula x Prairie Hen 89%. Lavendula enters the picture again through another daughter of Blue Swift, Grey

		Red God	Nasrullah - Nearco				
	Blushing Groom	nea aoa	Spring Run - Menow				
	1974	Runaway Bride	WILD RISK - Rialto				
Jallad		nullaway bride	Aimee - Tudor Minstrel				
1988		Imposing	Todman - Star Kingdom				
	Petrava	Imposing	Hialeah - Arctic Explorer				
	1981	Silver Liner	Sovereign Edition - Sovereign Path				
		Sliver Liner	Ajasco - Pakistan II				
		Codex	Arts And Letters - Ribot				
	Badger Land	Codex	Roundup Rose - Minnesota Mac				
	1983	Gimieroom	Racing Room - Restless Wind				
Sage Blue		Girneroom	Mime - Pretense				
1997		Jamaico	Prince Taj - Prince Bio				
	Grey Blue	Jamaico	Suze - WILD RISK				
	1984	Blue Swift	Joy - Djebe				
		Dide Swill	Total - Abadan				

Blue. She's dam of SA Derby winner Silver Sliver, by West Man whose third dam Kaliope is by Klairon out of Botany Bay – both descendants of Sweet Lavender (dam of Lavendula). This in turn leads back to the key-horse in Russian Sage, the mare Aimee (grandam of Blushing Groom). She's close kin to Lavendula & daughter Perfume. Aimee was mated to Wild Risk to get the dam of Blushing Groom. Wild Risk also appears in Russian Sage's bottom line, as damsire of Jamaico.

In a nutshell, Russian Sage may respond well to mares with lines of Lavendula, Sweet Lavender, Perfume – all descending from the mare Marchetta. That draws attention to 3-part brothers My Babu and Joy, who are widespread in pedigrees. Also note their close relative Ambiorix, sire of Ambiopoise. Ambiorix is in Western Winter, who has an affinity with Abadan, damsire of Blue Swift. Abadan's 3rd dam is Arabella (see under Jallad's affinities)

# **FEMALE LINE**

#### 1st dam

Sage Blue (97f, Badger Land): 5 wins, 1600-2000m;

RUSSIAN SAGE (04c, Jallad): subject stallion Mythic Woods (06c, Fort Wood): won, 1400m Sage Throne (07c, Dynasty): 4 wins, 1600-2500m; 2nd Gr2 Natal Derby, Gr3 Lonsdale Stirrup Cup (MR 105)

Three Blue Cranes (11f, Captain Al): 2 wins, 1000-1400m

#### 2nd dam

Grey Blue (84f, Jamaico): did not win; dam of SILVER SLIVER (96c, West Man): 4 wins, 1600-2450m, Gr1 SA Derby, Tony Ruffel Hcp-(L); 4th Gr2 Gauteng Guineas

Birth Of The Blues (93c, National Assembly): 8 wins, 1100-1600m; 2nd African Breeders P-(L) Sage Blue (97f, Badger Land): see above Boy Blue (95c, Jallad): 4 wins, 1000-1800m

#### 3rd dam

Blue Swift (68f, Joy): 8 wins, 800-1200m; 2nd Cape Fillies Nursery, WP Fillies Nursery; dam of GREY SUN (79f, Jamaico): Champion 2yo Filly, Champion 3yo Filly; 11 wins, 900-1900m, Gr1 Allan Robertson Fillies Ch'ship, Gr1 SA Fillies Guineas, Gr3 Administrators Trophy, Gr3 In Full Flight S., Gr3 Republic Day Hcp; 2nd Gr1 Paddock S., Gr1 Champion S., Gr2 Clairwood Nursery, Gr2 Drill Hall S.; 3rd Gr1 Garden Province S., Gr2 Fillies Hcp.; dam of

Blue Perfume (92f, Secret Prospector): won, 1600m; dam of Blue Rake (00c, Rakeen): 6 wins, 1300-

2000m

CERULEAN BLUE (83f, Jamaico):
Champion 3yo Filly; 9 wins, 1500-2000m, Gr1 SA Fillies Guineas, Gr1
Garden Province S., Gr2 Natalia S.
(2x); 2nd Gr1 BAR Valley S., Gr2 Natal
Oaks, Gr3 Majorca S.; 3rd Highlands
Stud S.-(L); dam of

Seaboard (96c, Badger Land): 4 wins, 1600-2000m, 2nd Gr3 Langerman Hcp; 4th Gr3 London News S.

Sky Tower (98c, Badger Land): 7 wins, 2000-2400m

GREY BLUE (84f, Jamaico): see above Larkspur Blue (85f, Argosy): dam of

Blue Acres (93f, Badger Land): 5 wins, 1100-1400m; 2nd Gr3 Strelitzia S., 3rd Hibiscus S.-(L), Debutante S.-(L); dam of

Bluemambo (05c, Kitalpha): 4 wins, 1400-1800m; 2nd Gr1 Cape Derby; 3rd Politician S.-(L)

Larks Land (96f, Badger Land): won, 1000m; dam of

Amber Ice (03f, Hanging Road): 4 wins, 11600-1900m; 3rd Syringa Hcp-(L)

Hcp-(L)
Best Lark (94f, Best By Test): did not race; dam of

Tuna Cowboy (03c, Tara's Halls): 4 wins, 1600-2000m

# 4th dam

Total (60f, Abadan): did not race; dam of
Blue Swift (68f, Joy): 8 wins – see above
La Lucia (70f, Utrillo): 2 wins; dam of
FLOWER PAINTER (82f, Flower

Power): 6 wins, October Fillies Sprint-(L); dam of

Floreva (94f, Foveros): did not win; dam of Chardin (02c, Dominion

Chardin (02c, Dominion Royale): 2 wins, 2nd Gr1 Golden Horseshoe

Latin American (75f, Rouletabille): dam of Lost Latin (87f, Lost Chord): won; dam of

EISENHOWER (93c, Lucy's Axe): 6 wins, Gr3 Thaba'nChu S.; 4th Gr3 JG Hollis P.

STUD ANALYSIS colts: SSI 0.64 (stamina 1000m) 0% SW; 0% BType; Fillies: SSI 0.21 (stamina 0m) 0% SW; 0% BType. First season at stud in 2011

<b>colt</b> born	foals	rnrs	wnrs w/r%	sw	SW/r%	вт	BT/r%	wins	SSI	AR	stamina	filly born	foals	rnrs	wnrs w/r%	%	SW SW/r	%	вт	BT/r%	wins	SSI	AR	stamina
'12	15	3	1 33%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0.64	65	1000m	'12	13	4	0 0%	ó	0 0%	6	0	0%	0	0.21	56	0m



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