



Pins' NZ\$2.4 million earner, Waikato

weekend@waikato

Pins Sets Sights on Singapore

Hong Kong's recently crowned Champion sire **Pins** sets his sights on Singapore riches this Sunday.

The sire of 9 individual G1 winners will be represented by **Waikato** (*pictured above*), a remarkable 17 time winner who will jump from barrier 10 in the **Sgp-3 Paititi Gold Trophy (1200m)** with crack Kiwi jockey James McDonald aboard.

The rising eight-year-old is a real favourite of owner/trainer Laurie Laxon's and has forged an outstanding record in Singapore with titles including: **Champion Older Sprinter** in 2008 & 2009, **Champion Older Miler** in 2009 & 2010 and **Champion Middle Distance galloper** in 2010.

Should the **NZ\$2,429,860** earner strike on Sunday, he would represent **Pins'** 11th individual stakes winner this season and he would extend the sires claim as the leading NZ-based stallion on the Singapore General Sires' Premiership.

Paco Boy Boasts 90% Fertility Rate



The reports coming through are all good relating to Waikato Stud's exciting new 2011 sire **Paco Boy** (pictured left).

The brilliant triple G1 winner served his first book of mares at **Highclere Stud** in the northern hemisphere and of the 120 mares covered, 90% have been successfully confirmed in foal.

Paco Boy is due to arrive at Waikato Stud in early August.

Meet the newest member of our team...

Waikato Stud has recently welcomed **Gareth Downey** (pictured right) to the team.

Gareth is a passionate **Pedigree Analyst**, who we have brought on board to assist with providing optimal mating solutions. There will be no 90 day trial required for Gareth, as he has actually been assisting Waikato Stud with its mating plans for the last 10 years!

Beyond this duty, Gareth - who selected the **G1** winner **Macavelli Miss** as a yearling, will be out and about on the farm assisting our Broodmare Manager Sharon Meyers.

We invite you to ask Gareth any questions that you might have about the suitability of certain matings. His phone number is (64) 021 433 073 and he can be emailed at Gareth@waikatostud.co.nz.

Alternatively, should you ever see this number pop up on your phone; chances are he has come across a mating he really likes, so well worth a listen.



Waikato Stud Fact

Average WS-bred Stakes Winners per season: **12.2**

Mark's Mail



A huge weekend for **Ambitious Dragon** and **Pins** at Hong Kong's Awards last Sunday.

Congrats to Johnson Lam and his family for **Ambitious Dragon's** terrific success as **Hong Kong's Horse of the Year**, the **Most Improved Galloper**, the **Champion Middle Distance Performer** and as **Most Popular Horse**...what an amazing horse!

We were also stoked on the night that our homebred **Pins'** galloper **Smart Giant** was able to play a small part in helping seal the Hong Kong Trainers' premiership for John Moore.

All in all, a great weekend and look forward to another like it!

WWW.WAIKATOSTUD.COM | WEEKEND RUNNERS