

# Waikato Stud

## Announces 2014 Sire Roster & Decision Made on Sacred Falls

Incredible racetrack results have enabled an ideal backdrop for **Waikato Stud** to announce its **2014 Sire Roster**.

Not a weekend has gone by recently that banner stallion **O'Reilly** hasn't registered a new stakes winner. The remarkable sire currently sits as Australasia's leading sire for global earnings this term and has registered **15 stakes winners** this season alone, with **Gr.1** stars **Sacred Falls**, **Silent Achiever** and **O'Marilyn** ensuring the '**Book Full**' sign has already been posted.

Hot on his case with **11 stakes winners** this season is superstar barnmate **Savabeel**. Headlined by the **Gr.1 Vinery Stud Stakes** winner **Lucia Valentina** and the **Gr.1 Herbie Dyke Stakes** winner **Costume**, the five time **Gr.1** producing son of **Zabeel** is set to stand for **\$60,000 plus GST, LFG** in 2014.

New Zealand's five time **Gr.1** winning '*Horse of the Year*', **Ocean Park**, will continue to appeal to Australasian breeders at a service fee of **\$30,000 plus GST, LFG**, with interest sure to be high for the arrival of the Cox Plate winner's first crop of foals this spring.

To accommodate the incredible popularity of **Ocean Park**, Champion Hong Kong sire **Pins** will stand at an extremely attractive service fee of **\$25,000 plus GST, LFG**. The super consistent stakes producer has already struck his seasonal average of seven stakes winners this season, with daughter **A Touch of Ruby** assisting his career **Gr.1** tally to **ten** following January's **Thorndon Mile** win.

Likewise **Rock 'n' Pop** will be sure to build on his first season popularity, with breeders now able to access to the **Gr.1** winner whose bloodlines combine the sire sensation **Fastnet Rock** with the **Gr.1** winning **Sir Tristram** mare **Popsy**, for a service fee of **\$9000 plus GST, LFG**.

The fee for proven **Gr.1** sire **No Excuse Needed** remains unchanged at **\$6000 plus GST, LFG**, as is also the case with the stud's regally bred Guineas winner **Rios**, who has already had success on the track and who will stand for **\$4000 plus GST, LFG**.

In other major breeding and racing news, Waikato Stud and Dato Yap (Raffles Racing) have concluded discussions on **Sacred Falls'** immediate future, announcing today that the brilliant son of **O'Reilly** will continue racing next season in Australia.

Dato Yap is a horse racing enthusiast, and Waikato Stud has very much enjoyed the ride with **Sacred Falls**, so with the distinct impression that the best was still ahead, mutual agreement was quickly reached that the Chris Waller-trained triple **Gr.1** winner should race on.

**Sacred Falls** entered the history books this season as the first colt in over 50 years to win back-to-back **Gr.1 Doncaster Miles**. Billed as the greatest mile race in Australia, the Doncaster boasts an illustrious list of winners, with noted modern day dual winners comprising **Sunline**, **Pharaoh** and **Super Impose**.



Remarkably, just one week after this accomplishment, he backed up with arguably the run of the race for second in the **Gr.1 Queen Elizabeth**. In keeping with Dato Yap and Waikato Stud's view, the performance left successful Hong Kong jockey Zac Purton – who had been specially flown over for the Doncaster and Queen Elizabeth rides, with a distinct question mark over what might still lie ahead.

*“The way he finished the Queen Elizabeth off, after such a bad draw was incredible and it made me think his best racing days were ahead of him,”* said Purton.

*I am very excited to hear he will race on and I think he can improve even further and get even better.*

*“To concede weight in the Doncaster and win like he did was an outstanding performance and then to back up a week later and come so close in the Queen Elizabeth is the stamp of an exceptional horse. He's definitely one of the very best horses I have ridden.*

*“He's got one of the best attitudes of any horse I have ridden and I can't wait to renew my association with him in the future. As a jockey these are the horses that we spend our careers searching for and in Sacred Falls I have that.”*



Possible goals ahead include the **Gr.1 Cox Plate**, a third **Doncaster** mission and a repeat tilt at the **Gr.1 Queen Elizabeth**.

With lofty assignments such as these, Waikato Stud has increased its stake holding in the sire prospect and is particularly excited about standing what could potentially be a third Cox Plate winner behind **Savabeel** and **Ocean Park** at stud next season.

## WAIKATO STUD'S 2014 SIRE ROSTER

<b>O'REILLY</b> (Last Tycoon x Courtza) -Champion International Sire	<b>BOOK FULL</b>
<b>SAVABEEL</b> (Zabeel x Savannah Success) -Zabeel's Gr.1 Legacy Continues	<b>\$60,000 + GST, LFG</b>
<b>OCEAN PARK</b> (Thorn Park x Sayyida) -5x Gr.1 Winning Cox Plate Legend	<b>\$30,000 + GST, LFG</b>
<b>PINS</b> (Snippets x No Finer) -Champion Hong Kong Sire	<b>\$25,000 + GST, LFG</b>
<b>ROCK N POP</b> (Fastnet Rock x Popsy) -Gr.1 Winning Son of Fastnet Rock	<b>\$9 000 + GST, LFG</b>
<b>NO EXCUSE NEEDED</b> (Machiavellian x Nawaiet) -Proven Gr.1 Sire	<b>\$6 000 + GST, LFG</b>
<b>RIOS</b> (Hussonet x Gussy Godiva) -Blueblooded Guineas Winner	<b>\$4 000 + GST, LFG</b>