

Big Foals, Big Future For New York Stallion Make Reservations

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In 2016 Bergen Stables bred six mares, all winners on the racetrack, to Make Reservations. These mares were half of their twelve-mare broodmare band.

Bergen Stables got the opportunity to purchase Make Reservations while the mares were still in foal. Even though they were not originally planning to own a stallion, they took the chance. Bergen Stables bought Make Reservations and brought him and all of their mares to Majestic Views Farms International. They purchased him even though he had no foals born yet: their mares were carrying his first crop.

He had already proven that he had heart. In his only start, Make Reservations drew the rail and fought on to finish third in a maiden special weight at Aqueduct, despite coming out of the race with a career-ending injury.

He had pedigree, too. In addition to being by super-sire and budding sire of sires Tapit, he is out of Formal Reception: a daughter of preeminent sire Unbridled, from the female line of multiple graded stakes winner and black type-producing New York sire It's Acedemic.

Unbridled is emerging as a damsire of stallions, as he is the damsire of Shackleford, Orb, and Tapit himself. And, Tapit



Make Reservations: Tapit x Formal Reservation, by Unbridled

crossed back closely with the Unbridled line has been responsible for serious racing class: Grade 1 winner Sweet Loretta and Grade 2 winners Unique Bella and West Coast Belle are all by Tapit out of Unbridled's Song mares.

The first proof of Make Reservations's quality at stud would come when the six mares foaled. The big, well-built foals meant their faith in Make Reservations was well placed. Says Sharlene Kenny of Bergen Stables, "I was, after all the foals were born, ecstatic that we had him. Seeing them grow up, we made the right decision."

This year, Bergen Stables bred two of their own mares back to Make Reservations, and he bred several outside mares as well. After standing the stallion at their farm and seeing his first crop of foals, Majestic View Farms International became further invested in the success of Make Reservations by purchasing a share in him.

"He's big for a Tapit," remarked Jaime Martin, manager of Majestic View Farms International. Like Kenny, Martin sees that quality in his progeny so far. "They look a lot like him – nice conformation. They really stand out good. They're nice, big foals."

Make Reservations stands at Majestic View Farms International, for a stud fee of \$2,500 LFSN. Contact Bergen Stables or Majestic View Farms International to schedule a visit, see him and his weanlings for yourself, and see what he can do for your breeding or racing program.



2017 Colt: Make Reservations x Romanova



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