

Raising the Stars at Mill Park




Divine Madonna's connections rejoice after the filly's victory in the VCR Emirates Stakes. This filly was raised at Mill Park, a farm that uses KER's consultation services.

Four Group I winners in 12 days—seems like a dream, but for Mill Park owners Peter and Serena Watson, it wasn't. The Watsons of South Australia are long-renowned producers of quality Thoroughbred horses that have raced with much success throughout the nation. Little did they expect that they would find such incredible rewards for their work at this year's Melbourne Spring Racing Carnival.

Located just south of Meningie on rolling, limestone-rich country, Mill Park has proven to be the perfect nursery for producing champion Thoroughbred racehorses. For the past 30 years, Mill Park has raised such stars as Mummify, Dilly Dally, Undoubtedly, Proprietor, Gold Guru, and St. Clemens Belle. More recently, Serious Speed, Devil Moon, Divine Madonna, and Princess Coup have added to the farm's list of Group I successes.

Peter and Serena attribute much of the farm's success to the closeness of their family, which includes son Chris and daughter-in-law Sien. By combining the knowledge obtained from years of astute horsemanship with close attention to detail, the team has been consistent in its pursuit of breeding quality horses. Mill Park prides itself on providing a "free-ranging" upbringing for its youngstock that complements a nutrition program overseen by Kentucky Equine Research.

Mill Park has always had a strong presence at the Adelaide Yearling Sales, but this year decided to spread its wings and take half a dozen horses to the Gold Coast Magic Millions to sell under its own name. This proved an excellent strategy with the farm's top sellers—a half sister to Divine Madonna and a full brother to the champion two-year-old filly Undoubtedly—selling for over \$600,000 each. Mill Park completed its first Gold Coast Magic Millions sale as the second highest on the by-average consignor list.

Mill Park is fast becoming a force to be reckoned with and will most assuredly continue to produce high-quality racehorses for many years to come. 



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