

Australian Thoroughbred

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Orange stud's quality imports in Tamworth tender scheme

EAGLE PARK, a young quality stud near Orange in central western NSW has two imported foundation sires that have the credentials to supply top performers. Both accessible on fees direct from the stud within range of most breeders or through some sire tender schemes, including that conducted annually by the Tamworth Jockey Club, they are Byblos, a Chilean bred and performed son of boom Mr. Prospector sire Hussonet, and 2009 newcomer Barbajuan, a fleet footed Ireland bred son of Coolmore's world leading dual hemisphere sire Danehill Dancer.

On an introductory fee of \$6,600, Barbajuan was Danehill Dancer's best European juvenile of 2003, a year his connections thought so highly of him, he contested Group events in three countries, winning three races in England, including the Sandown Solario Stakes-Gr.3, finishing third in Italy's Gran Criterium-Gr.1 and fourth in Ireland's National Stakes-Gr.1 and in the Royal Ascot Coventry Stakes-Gr.3 - after missing the start. The next race on the Royal Ascot program following the Coventry, the King's Stand Stakes, was taken out by the Danehill Dancer Australian bred, owned and trained world champion Australian sprinter Choisir.

After his fine efforts at two, Barbajuan looked a good prospect for the Guineas classics, but was shipped out to Macau where he proved one of the best of his time, winning seven more events and minor placing in nine others.

The other sire at Eagle Park, the Hussonet product Byblos, one put over more than 100 mares in his first season last year and available on a fee of \$11,000, was one of the best performers of his time in Chile. He won four races from 1000 to 1900m, including a Group 1 event, and was placed in nine stakes up to Group 1 level.

Byblos is one of five South American bred sons of the Arrowfield Stud, Hunter Valley sensational acquisition Hussonet, a seven times champion Chilean sire, to go to stud in Australia last year. Now one of Australia's leading sires, including supplying Horse of the Year Weekend Hussler in his first crop, Hussonet through his sons is expected to be of tremendous value to Australian breeding as an outcross to Danehill.

That Hussonet's sons can do well as sires has been indicated by progeny of Byblos got from use in Chile before export to Australia. Statistics available, show that he has had the high strike rate of seven winners and at least one other placegetter from ten to race.

The two Eagle Park sires are the only ones by their sires among the 82 available through the 2009 edition of the Tamworth Jockey Club's Tender scheme, but breeders can access other well credentialed sires descending from Danehill (sire of Danehill Dancer) and Mr. Prospector (Hussonet).

Among the other sires open for tenders are Beautiful Crown, Benicio, Bite the Bullet, Bureaucracy, Danasinga, Dangerous, Dupleo, Golden Snake, Hemingway, Hidden Dragon, Legal Opinion, Lucky Owners, Monashee Mountain, Murphy's Blu Boy, Our Maizcay, Pure Theatre, Silent Action, Stockade, Strada, Tuscanos, Written Tycoon and Youthful Legs.

The full list of the Tamworth sires is available on www.tamworthjockeyclub.com.au or in a leaflet obtainable from the Tamworth Jockey Club, P.O. Box 3328, West Tamworth, NSW 2340, phone (02) 6765 9387, fax (02) 6765 5369 or email enquiries@tamworthjockeyclub.com.au They are accepting tenders up to Friday July 10. More details about the Tamworth tenders can also be obtained from Bob Scherf (02) 6765 6441 or Rod Dugan (02) 6742 5589.