

RIVERSDALE

2019 vendor

Twice making his way through the sale ring; sold by Riversdale as a weanling for \$240,000 and then going on to make \$500,000 as a yearling, Irukandji proved his worth winning the T.L Baillieu Handicap-Gr.3, 1400m at 2, in the process becoming Dundee's first stakes winner.

2017 saw Riversdale send an Epaulette filly who they are very proud to have bred and raised, through the MM ring for \$150,000. Racing as Meryl she has won the B.J McLachlan Stakes-Gr.3, 1200m and the Champagne Stakes-Gr.3, 1200m with multiple Gr.3 placings at her two most recent starts at the VRC Spring Carnival making her a very valuable filly.

Meryl's half-brother by Headwater (Lot 318) is one member of a strong 2019 draft for Riversdale, a youngster who Nick Hodges is confident will attract his share of attention.

"He is a really nice colt who is going to have plenty of admirers," he said of the half-brother to four other winners including the stakes placed Chosen Idol and the two times stakes placed city winner Miss Idyllic.

Hodges is delighted with the strength of the draft, noting that "we have fillies and colts by a range of stallions to suit all sectors of the market. Including two by I am Invincible, a couple by the very much in form Smart Missile, a More Than Ready and yearlings by other leading sires such as Star Witness and So You Think, as well as the younger stallions Dissident, Deep Field, Rubick and Pride Of Dubai."

Lot 12 chestnut colt Star Witness from Pickabee (by Jet Spur): second foal for a stakes placed multiple city winning half-sister to Listed winner Emmalene from the family of the Hong Kong topline Packing Winner.

Lot 16 chestnut filly by Olympic Glory from Pinwin (by Pins): out of a daughter of the stakes winner Bleeveka from a prolific family that has already been represented by Magic Millions winner Catnipped.

Lot 24 brown colt by Dissident from Pretty Uncanny (by Exceedingly Good): dam is a metropolitan winning half-sister to the triple stakes winner Dupleanny and to the dam of Listed winner Seannie.

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MERYL winning the Gr.3 MVRC Scarborough S at Moonee Valley recently. The Epaulette filly was bred and sold by Riversdale at the 2017 Magic Millions for \$150 k and has multiplied her value many times over. Her half-brother by Headwater is in Riversdale's 2019 MMGC offering.





GRADUATES OF RIVERSDALE FARM HAVE ENJOYED A GREAT YEAR WITH THE LIKES OF MAGIC MILLIONS GRADUATES IRUKANDJI AND MERYL DOING THE SCONE PROPERTY PROUD.

Lot 155 brown filly by Smart Missile from Somer's Gift (by Sebring): first foal for a half-sister to the Listed winner My Destiny and to the dam of VRC Oaks-Gr.1, 2500m winner Lasqueti Spirit.

Lot 157 bay colt by I Am Invincible from Sorel Point (by Encosta de Lago): out of a winning half-sister to the Group Three winner Offenbach and the Group One placed Glowlamp from the family of Rock Of Gibraltar and Riverman.

Lot 179 bay colt by More Than Ready from Starlevie (by Fasliyev): half-brother to the city winners Mosstar and Bastille out of a two times winning half-sister to the stakes placed Palace Glow, dam of Group Three gallopers Red Colossus and Nediym's Glow.

Lot 252 brown filly by I Am Invincible from Umatilly (by Umatilla): city winning dam has produced five winners including the smart Hong Kong based gallopers Diamond Dragon and Forza Avanti. Relations include the big race winners Spanish Mix, Celtic Spirit, Lord Revenir and Mop.

Lot 285 bay/brown colt by Pierro from We Can Dance (by Shinzig): dam is a winning half-sister to Disguise, city winning dam of four times Group One winner Appearance and the Listed winner Mascareri.

Lot 482 bay colt by Deep Field from Crimson Cash (by Lonhro): boasting a cross of his sire's ancestress Eight Carat, he is the first foal for a son of the Group Three mare Techniques, also dam of Black Opal Stakes-Listed, 1200m winner You're Canny.

Lot 576 brown colt by Dissident from Fields of Freedom (by Encosta de Lago): second foal for a two times winning daughter of the stakes winning juvenile Tantra from the family of Group One winners Inference and Lady Liberty.

Lot 632 bay colt by Pride of Dubai from Graskop (by Manton): dam was a city winner and stakes placed at two and she is a 3/4 sister to the Listed winning juvenile Sabie.

Lot 660 brown filly by Pride of Dubai from Honeysuckle Street (by Kempinsky): half-sister to the city placed Tycoon Rossa out of a daughter of Sweet Delight, Group Three winning dam of the stakes winning stallions Tycoon Ruler and Lago Delight.

Lot 723 bay filly by Smart Missile from Kyanne (by Domesday): first foal for a winning half-sister to three European Group Three winners; Kasthari, Kargali and Karasta.

Lot 733 bay colt by Press Statement from Lago Joy (by Encosta de Lago): half-brother to the stakes placed juvenile Grand Challenge out of a half-sister to the stakes placed My Sweet Cookie from the prolific Denise's Joy (his fourth dam) family.

Lot 923 chestnut colt by Scissor Kick from Brightlands Star (by Starcraft): dam is a winning half-sister to Goodwood Handicap-Gr.1, 1200m winner Zip Zip Aray and the Listed winner Zipanise from the family of General Nediym, Horlicks, Nicconi, Niconero, Interstellar, Brew and Military Plume.

Lot 1039 bay filly by Dream Ahead from Momentously (by Monashee Mountain): out of a dual city winner whose dam is a half-sister to the dam of Randwick Guineas-Gr.1, 1600m hero Ilovethiscity. Family of Lonhro and Grosvenor.

Lot 1099 bay/brown colt by So You Think from Strobic (by Red Ransom): out of a half-sister to the stakes winners Agister and Readyor. Third dam is Triscay, five times Group One winning dam of Group One mare La Baraka, in turn dam of Group two winner Alizes, grandam of Group One winners Alizee and Astern.

What have been your Magic Millions highlights we asked Nick Hodges...

"I can't beat the buzz of seeing the reaction of our clients and staff when we sell a yearling which exceeds expectations. It's a real team effort and the pride and satisfaction a big result provides us all with is a great feeling."

What do you enjoy about selling at the Magic Millions?

"Going to the beach in the mornings with the kids at the Gold Coast is a real luxury; it is very refreshing. The Magic Millions sale is the first sale for the year and is therefore the first time following a hectic breeding season for Jas and I to catch up with friends in the industry."

If you could learn to do anything, what would it be?

"I'd love to fly a fast jet; I don't think there would be a greater thrill for me. As a young fellow I had my mind set on becoming a pilot, however university along with the trappings of being a student intervened."

What outside of racing are you doing?

"I have taken up jiu jitsu. It is non-horsey and a great outlet, even if it is one of the toughest things I've ever done." ●

2019 draft

Lot	Col/Sex	Sire	Dam
12	Ch. C	Star Witness (AUS)	Pickabee (AUS)
16	Ch. F	Olympic Glory (IRE)	Pinwin (NZ)
24	Br. C	Dissident (AUS)	Pretty Uncanny (AUS)
155	Br. F	Smart Missile (AUS)	Somer's Gift (AUS)
157	B. C	I Am Invincible (AUS)	Sorel Point (AUS)
179	B. C	More Than Ready (USA)	Starlevie (AUS)
252	Br. F	I Am Invincible (AUS)	Umatilly (AUS)
285	B./Br.C	Pierro (AUS)	We Can Dance (AUS)
318	B. C	Headwater (AUS)	Academy Idol (AUS)
482	B. C	Deep Field (AUS)	Crimson Cash (AUS)
576	Br. C	Dissident (AUS)	Fields of Freedom (AUS)
632	B. C	Pride of Dubai (AUS)	Graskop (AUS)
660	Br. F	Pride of Dubai (AUS)	Honeysuckle Street (AUS)
723	B. F	Smart Missile (AUS)	Kyanne (AUS)
733	B. C	Press Statement (AUS)	Lago Joy (AUS)
923	Ch. C	Scissor Kick (AUS)	Brightlands Star (AUS)
1039	B. F	Dream Ahead (USA)	Momentously (AUS)
1099	B./Br.C	So You Think (NZ)	Strobic (AUS)

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