

COMMERCIAL ANALYSIS: PRINCESS GRACE

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The extremely classy and consistent Princess Grace is a millionaire who captured no less than five graded stakes events. By a classic and Breeders' Cup winner who is now a successful young sire, she is out of a stakes performing mare.

After winning a maiden by five lengths and then scoring in allowance company in her first two starts, Princess Grace competed in 11 straight graded stakes over three seasons, winning five, and earning places in all but one of the others.

The highlight of Princess Grace's career came in the Yellow Ribbon Handicap (G2), where she won by 1½ lengths over grade one winners Maxim Rate, Keeper Ofthe Stars, and Brooke, graded stakes winners Bodhicitta, Charmaine's Mia, Laura's Light, and Raymundos Secret and stakes winner Dogtag, and in the process she ran a 102 Beyer Speedfigure.

Princess Grace also took the Mrs. Revere Stakes (G2) by 2¾ lengths, defeating group winner Stunning Sky and stakes winner Pass the Plate; the Kentucky Downs Ladies Turf Stakes (G3), beating grade one winners Dalika and Abscond, graded stakes winners Summer in Saratoga and Shifty She, and stakes winner She'sonthewarpath; as well as annexing back-to-back renewals of the Dr. James Penny Memorial Stakes (G3).

Princess Grace also came close to a grade one victory when missing by just a half-length to Dalika in the Beverly D. Stakes (G1), but beating grade one winner Rougir, and group and graded stakes winners Family Way and Lily Pond. She also took second in the Kentucky Downs Ladies Turf Stakes (G3), beaten just a neck by Dalika, beating stakes winners Market Rumor, Henrietta Topham, and Hendy Woods; and the Keeneland Valley View Stakes (G3), beaten a half-length, beating grade one winner Duopoly, graded stakes winner Antoinette, and stakes winner Walk In Marrakesh.

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Princess Grace earned another grade one placing with a third in the Matriarch Stakes (G1), beating grade one winners Viadera and Fast Jet Court and graded stakes winner Bodhicitta, and she also took third in the Goldikova Stakes (G2), ahead of grade one winner Abscond, graded stakes winner Bodhicitta and stakes winners Constantia and Ippodamia's Girl.

Princess Grace is by Storm Cat's grandson, Karakontie. A group/grade one winner at two, three, and four, Karakontie's victories included the Poule d'Essai des Poulains-French 2,000 Guineas (G1) and Breeders' Cup Mile (G1). From his first three crops, in addition to Princess Grace, Karakontie is sire of the 2022 grade one winner Spendarella, graded stakes winners None Above The Law, Sole Volante and Kenzai Warrior, and stakes winners Spanish Loveaffair, Karak, Cigamia, and Tournesol.

Princess Grace is the first foal of her dam Masquerade, a six-time winner and twice stakes placed. She is also dam of the current three-year-old winner Catnip, her second foal, and has a 2021 filly by Frosted, a 2022 filly by American Pharoah, and is bred to Gun Runner.

Masquerade is half-sister to the Turnback the Alarm Stakes (G3) winner Svea Dahl, herself dam of stakes winner Amazing Tale; to stakes winner Vuelo Colorido; and to Wave the Colors, dam of stakes winner Private Promise. Masquerade's dam, Present Colors, is out of stakes placed Blue and Green, a half-sister to the dam of stakes winner Kaydee Classic. Blue and Green's dam is a half-sister to stakes winners Trendy Gent and Buckbean, and to the dam of grade winner Scuffleburg, all out of Pucheca. This a branch of the La Troienne family that comes down via Pucheca's dam, Champion Two-Year-Old Filly Regal Gleam, dam of multiple grade one winner Royal Glint, and ancestress of 70 stakes winners, including classic winner and leading sire Caerleon, and other group and grade one winners Regal Gleam, Scan, Vision, Talenta, Killer Graces, Future Queen, Vision, There Goes Harvard, and Killer Ability.

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