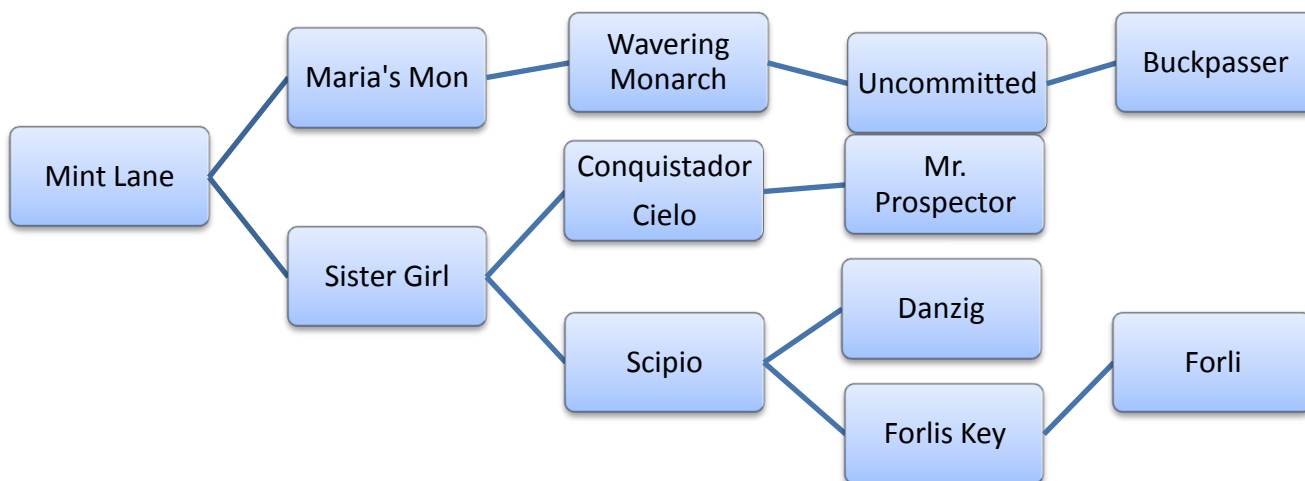
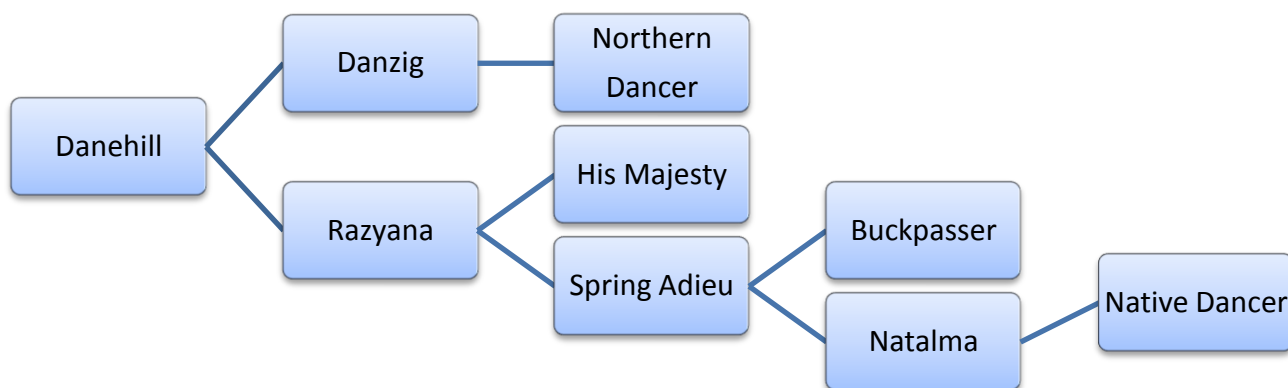


Some Mint Lane Pedigree suggestions



Maria's Mon works with all parts of Danehill's pedigree



Maria's Mon works with full brothers His Majesty and Graustark.

Maria's Mon has produced a number of Stakes winners from His Majesty mares including Strong Contender Gr2, Wedlock etc. Graustark features as the 2nd Dam Sire of Maria's Mon's Gr1 winner See How She Runs, and 3rd Dam Sire of his first Kentucky Derby winner Monarchos. Now at stud, Monarchos' best result so far is from a mare by His Majesty- Informed Decision, Champion US Female Sprinter 2009, Turf and Dirt.

It's worth noting here that Mint Lane's 4th Dam is by Key To The Mint, a son of Graustark. By introducing Danehill to Mint Lane gives you the duplication of the full brothers that have worked well with Maria's Mon and his son Monarchos.

Maria's Mon/Buckpasser

Buckpasser features close up in 14 of Maria's Mons Stakes winners including 4 Gr1 winners. His 2010 Kentucky Derby winner Super Saver is 4x5x5 to Buckpasser; Buckpasser is the Dam Sire of Wavering Monarch. Maria's Mon loves Buckpasser.

Maria's Mon/Danzig

A number of Maria's Mon Group winners feature Danzig as 1st or 2nd Dam Sires. Example: Exhi Gr2 winning 3YO this season and Listed winner on turf. His 1st Dam by a son of Danzig-from a Buckpasser mare, his 2nd Dam by Mr. Prospector and his 3rd Dam is Fanfreluche (the 4th dam of Encosta De Lago and 3rd Dam of Flying Spur). A great case for Encosta De Lago and Flying Spur mares to Mint Lane.

Maria's Mon has not had the opportunity to cross with Danehill directly, but has had great success when mated to Danehill's Sire, his 1st Dam Sire (and his full brother), 2nd Dam Sire and descendants of his 3rd Dam Sire.

Mint Lane also brings a line of Mr. Prospector and Danzig through a mare, Forli through a mare and His Majesty's full brother to the mix all highly proven successful crosses with Danehill.

1st, 2nd and 3rd Dam Sires to produce Gr. Winners by Maria's Mon

Include Seattle Slew, His Majesty and his full brother Graustark, Buckpasser, Roberto, Danzig, Mr. Prospector, In Reality, Valid Appeal, Barathea, Deputy Minister, Seeking The Gold, Storm Bird, Northfields, Miswaki, Never Bend, A.P. Indy, Northern Dancer, Forli, Regal Classic and Storm Cat.

The Positioning of Forli

As Mint Lane's 3rd Dam Sire Forli could prove a powerful influence when crossed with Forli via his daughter Special.

The Forli (via Special)/ Forli (not via Special) double up and add to this, one or two lines of Mr. Prospector and sparks seem to fly.

Examples: - Northern Meteor- a son of Encosta De Lago (by Fairy King, 2nd Dam Special). Northern Meteor's 1st dam by a son of Mr. Prospector, 2nd dam by Forli. 3x5 Forli, 3x4 Mr. Prospector, 5x5x6 Native Dancer

Lohnro and his brother Niello - 4x6 Forli, Dam Sire by Mr. Prospector.

Soldiers Hollow – 4 Gr1 wins (by Sadlers Wells, 2nd Dam Special) his 4th Dam by Forli

El Condor Pasa – 3 Gr1 wins. Combining Nureyev a son of Special with his 3rd dam by Forli

Similar patterns of Group 1 winners with one line of Forli through Special and one not

Big City Life- 3 Gr1 wins 5x5 Forli

Mr. Dinos – 2 gr1 wins 3x5 Forli

Alkaaseo – 2 Gr1 wins 5x5 Forli

And another dozen Gr1 winners bred on the similar Forli (Special)/Forli cross.

Henrythenavigator – 5x5 Forli (both through Special), 3x4 Raise A Native (one through Mr. Prospector)

This makes a great case for the Sires that carry Forli through Special to cross extremely well with Mint Lane, who boasts Forli as his 3rd Dam Sire. Most of the stallions that carry Forli through Special are from the Northern Dancer Sire line. When crossed with Mint Lane, it gives you the Mr. Prospector/Northern Dancer cross and with some through Danzig it gives you a double up of Danzig through a male and female.

Some sires that carry Forli via Special include Zabeel, Sadlers Wells, Nureyev, Stravinsky, Perugino, Galileo, Kingmambo, Lohnro, Spinning World, Testa Rossa, Montjeu, Desert King, Encosta De Lago, Blevic and Scenic. Rustic Amber (sire of Sequalo) is a direct male line descendant of Forli.

Maria's Mon/Mr. Prospector

16 of Maria's Mons stakes winners including 2 Gr1 winners, 5 Gr2 winners, 6 Gr3 winners, carry one or more lines of Mr. Prospector. Mint Lane has one line of Mr. Prospector with a line of Danzig close up. The Danzig/Mr.

Prospector cross appears in 698 Stakes winners including 114 Gr1 winners. Considering Maria's Mons success with Mr. Prospector, Mint Lane looks ideal for mares carrying Mr. Prospector blood.

Mr. Prospector/Mr. Prospector

528 Stakes winners, 74 Gr1 winners, 59 Gr2 winners, 99 Gr3 winners.

Mint Lane of course provides a close up line of Mr. Prospector through his 1st Dam Sire Conquistador Cielo making this highly successful double up easy to duplicate.

It's worth a mention here that Whobegotyou is 3 x 4 to Mr. Prospector and he has the same 5th dam as Mint Lane, namely Square Angel!

Star Kingdom

Obviously Maria's Mon has not had access to Star Kingdom and his descendants, but Star Kingdom has been highly successful when combined with any and all the stallions in Mint Lane's Female line including Conquistador Cielo's son El Moxie – sire of 17 Stakes winners, an incredible 12 of them feature Star Kingdom line sires as 1st or 2nd Dam Sires. The best being Champion Silent Witness, 9 Gr1 wins.

Wavering Monarch (sire of Maria's Mon)

Some interesting facts:-

Military Gr1 winner by Danzig from a Wavering Monarch mare, 2nd dam by His Majesty (again Danehill's Dam Sire).

Other sire lines to combine with Wavering Monarch to produce Gr1 winners:- Caro x 3, Vice Regent, Seattle Dancer, Machiavellian, Unbridled Song, Nijinsky, Graustark, His Majesty, Buckpasser and Roberto.

More Than Ready is the sire of 3 Group winners from Wavering Monarch mares.

As can be seen, Mint Lane provides some wonderful opportunities to reproduce proven successful crosses as well as the most obvious Mr. Prospector/Danzig. Maria's Mon was looked upon as a powerful outcross in the United States producing soundness and toughness. This combined with Mint Lane's superb blend of blood on his female side and high compatibility to the Australian gene pool. He may just be **The Key To The Mint**.

I am sure there will be more proven nicks than just those I have covered here. No doubt the pedigree consultants will spot pedigree nicks with Mint Lane and lines that will suit him. The purpose of this paper was to divulge some lines that have worked with his pedigree and are by no means all encompassing in the "what will work" Stakes.

The foremost contributing factor to Mint Lane's success may well be his conformation, courage and natural ability, which after all are probably the most common denominators between all the stallions I have mentioned above.

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