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CHAMPAGNE ROYALE

Gr./ro.m. 2001 by French Deputy – All Tanked Up by Tank's Prospect

It's rare indeed that a Broodmare of the Year candidate appears at auction, but that is the case with Champagne Royale. Herself a stakes performer, Champagne Royale has produced four winners from her first four starters, include not one, but two 2014 North American grade one winners.

Champagne Royale's second foal, Majestic Harbor, delivered a devastating performance in this summer's Santa Anita Gold Cup (gr. I), storming clear to score by 6¼ lengths from a field that consisted of the multiple grade one winning Game On Dude, grade one winners Salto Del Indio and Lideris, grade two winners Clubhouse Ride and Imperative, and graded winner Fury Kapcori. Winner also this year of the Tokyo City Cup Stakes (gr. III), Majestic Harbor now has earnings of \$656,014.

Champagne Royale's current three-year-old, Danza, has stamped himself as one of the best of his generation. Making only his fourth lifetime start, Danza earned grade one honors by overpowering his opponents to take the \$1,000,000 Arkansas Derby (gr. I) by 4¾ lengths. Trailing in his wake were subsequent Preakness Stakes (gr. I) runner-up, Ride On Curlin; the runaway Haskell Invitational Stakes (gr. I) victor Bayern; grade one winner Strong Mandate; and four-time graded stakes winner Tapiture. Danza confirmed his standing in the Kentucky Derby (gr. I). Shuffled back in the early stages, Danza courageously rallied through traffic to claim third, ahead of grade one winners Wicked Strong, Dance With Fate and We Miss Artie, Ride on Curlin, and graded stakes winners Samraat, Medal Count, Chitu, Tapiture, Intense Holiday, Wildcat Red, Vicar's in Trouble, Candy Boy and Vinceremos.

In addition to her two grade one stars, Champagne Royal's other starters are Consider Yourself, a four-time winner in England and France, and Totally Tucker, a two-time winner of over \$95,000, who was beaten just a neck for third in the New Orleans Ladies Handicap. She also has a two-year-old colt who is by the brilliant sprinter Zensational, so is a three-quarters-brother to Majestic Harbor, and a yearling filly by Majestic Warrior, a horse whose first crop includes the sensational filly Princess of Sylmar.

Champagne Royale is a daughter of the Deputy Minister stallion, French Deputy. The sire of Champions Left Bank and Kurofune, French Deputy is also making a significant impact as a broodmare sire, his daughters having already produced 57 stakes winners. One of three stakes performers produced by her dam, Champagne Royale is half-sister to stakes winner He's Hammered. Her dam, a seven-time winner, is half-sister to the California Derby (gr. II) victor All Thee Power, and to stakes winning and graded stakes placed Clever Act.

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Champagne Royale's third dam, Weekend Fun, is a multiple stakes winner, but more importantly, she is also a daughter of major foundation mare, Brighton View. The most accomplished runner for Brighton View, Weekend Fun is half-sister to Light Verse, the ancestress of such as grade one winners Untapable, Tapizar, Olympio, Pyro, Paddy O'Prado and Cuvee, and graded winners Call Now, Wild Wonder, War Echo, Fun House, Early Flyer, Will He Shine and Bien Nicole.

Majestic Harbor and Danza are not only exceptionally impressive 2014 grade one winners, but there are also the highest-earning sons of their respective sires, Rockport Harbor and Street Boss. Thus this remarkable producer and Broodmare of the Year candidate not only has the distinction of producing a grade one winning duo, but also of producing the top two sons of two different stallions. We've noted that Champagne Royale has on-going upside potential with a three-quarters brother to Majestic Harbor, and a filly by the sire of Princess of Sylmar to run for her. We'll also note that she is in foal to Eskendereya, the outstanding North American son of three-time Leading Sire Giant's Causeway, a mating that is *TrueNicks* rated A++.

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