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COMMERCIAL ANALYSIS:
DISCREET MARQ

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Gr./ro.f. by Discreet Cat – To Marquet by Marquetry

Don't miss the Marq! Discreet Marq is a grade one winning mare who is by a World Champion out of a stakes winning and multiple stakes producing mare.

Discreet Marq demonstrated that she was going to be a force to reckon with when she scored by 4½ lengths in a 5½ furlong Saratoga maiden special weight. That initial promise didn't take long to find fulfillment, as Discreet Marq led from wire-to-wire to conclude her two-year-old season with a win in the Lie Low Stakes.

At three, Discreet Marq compiled a record of remarkable high level consistency, making eight starts – all in stakes company – for four wins, three seconds and a third. The highlight was a courageous rallying victory over an “all-star” field in the Del Mar Oaks (gr. I) where Discreet Marq accounted for grade one winner Kitten's Dumplings; grade two winners Wishing Gate, Emotional Kitten, Charlie Em and Doinghardtimeagain; and stakes winners Unusual Way, Need You Now and Ighraa.

Discreet Marq added other three-year-old stakes triumphs by taking the Sands Point Stakes (gr. II), Pebbles Stakes and Eventail Stakes. In the Sands Point Stakes, Discreet Marq controlled the race from start to finish while defeating graded stakes winners Caroline Thomas, Watsdachances and Unbelievable Dream. In the Pebbles Stakes, Discreet Marq added to her reputation with a tally over graded scorers Tapicat and Teen Pauline, and the Eventail Stakes saw her dominate to score by 6¼ lengths. Discreet Marq's exemplary season also included seconds in the Matriarch Stakes (gr. I) and Garden City Stakes (gr. I). Tackling older mares in the Matriarch Stakes, Discreet Marq came within a nose of a famous victory, with grade one winners Better Lucky, Dayatthespa, Tiz Flirtatious, grade two winners Stormy Lucy, Wishing Gate and My Gi Gi, and graded stakes winner Pianist among those behind. In the Garden City Stakes, Discreet Marq's runner-up position was earned at the expense of grade one winner Emolient, graded stakes winners Watsdachances and Caroline Thomas, and stakes winners Summer of Fun and Praia.

At four, Discreet Marq fell only a ½ length short of taking the Jenny Wiley Stakes (gr. I), while defeating grade one scorer Stephanie's Kitten and Centre Court, grade two winners Emotional Kitten and Abaco, and graded winners Cloud Scapes, Kitten's Point, Fitful Skies and Class Included. We can also note that just a pair of necks separated Discreet Marq from victory in the Diana Stakes (gr. I), and this time those behind included grade one winners

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Alterite, Tannery, Emolient, and graded winners Abaco, Strathnaver, Caroline Thomas and Solid Appeal.

All told, Discreet Marq won or placed in 13 stakes, six of them graded, and five of them grade one. She scored from 5½ to nine furlongs, and was a grade one performer from coast-to-coast, earning grade one wins or places at five different tracks. Consistently challenging the best of her division, Discreet Marq defeated no less than nine other grade one winners.

Discreet Marq is by the Storm Cat grandson Discreet Cat. Blessed with extreme talent, Discreet Cat went undefeated through his first six starts, including taking the Cigar Mile Handicap (gr. I) in track-record equaling time; the UAE Derby (gr. II) by six lengths; and the Jerome Breeders' Cup Handicap (gr. II) by 10¼ lengths. At the end of his second season, Discreet Cat was rated co-World Leading Three-Year-Old. With his first three crops, Discreet Cat, has already sired 15 stakes winners, including Discreet Marq, and other grade one winners Dads Caps and Secret Compass, as well as graded scorers Discreet Dancer, Mamma Kimbo, Sage Valley, Debt Ceiling and Out of Bounds. Out of the exceptional "Blue Hen" Pretty Discreet, Discreet Mine also appeals strongly as a broodmare sire.

One of three stakes horses produced by her dam, Discreet Marq is out of To Marquet, a multiple sprint stakes winner who took the Enjoy The Silence Stakes and Regret Stakes, as well as a second in the Tempted Stakes (gr. III). Discreet Marq's granddam, Pretty Momma, is a four-time stakes winner, who is dam of not only To Marquet, but also of multiple sprint stakes winner Pretty Imposing, and granddam of current multiple sprint stakes winner Wicked Tune.

Discreet Marq is a remarkably tough and consistent grade one winner who carried her form across the continent. A daughter of a World Champion, who is now a successful young sire, she is out of a multiple stakes winner and multiple stakes producer from a fast family. Herself a standout of the turf, Discreet Marq has a sire and dam who excelled on the dirt, giving her the potential to be a significant producer anywhere in the world.

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