



## **SOUTHERN GIRL**

Southern Girl is not only a 2016 stakes winner by Tapit, but is also a half-sister to a Breeders' Cup Classic (gr. I) winner.

A \$775,000 yearling, Southern Girl scored daylight victories in four of her first six starts. Successful on her debut at two, Southern Girl was also a first time out scorer at three, taking a six furlong allowance at Laurel by three lengths. After adding another allowance tally, this time by 3½ lengths, Southern Girl stepped into stakes company and recorded her third straight win with a decisive triumph over older mares in the seven furlong Shine Again Stakes.

Southern Girl is a daughter of the wonderful Tapit. The most important North American stallion of his time, Tapit was Leading Sire for 2014 and 2015, setting a new earnings record on both occasions, and he once again heads the General Sire List in 2016. Tapit has already sired 20 grade one winners, including Champion Three-Year-Old Filly Untapable; Belmont Stakes (gr. I) winners Tonalist and Creator; Champion Two-Year-Olds Stardom Bound and Hansen; as well as Frosted, Zazu, Constitution, Joyful Victory, Tapizar, Careless Jewel, Tapitsfly, and 2016 two-year-old grade one winners Sweet Loretta and Pretty City Dancer.

Southern Girl is half-sister to a truly outstanding performer in Mucho Macho Man. An earner of over \$5,600,000, Mucho Macho Man won seven stakes events, five of them graded. The highlight of his career came when he captured the 2013 Breeders' Cup Classic (gr. I), accounting for a stellar field that included Champion Three-Year-Old Colt Will Take Charge; European Champion Older Horse Declaration of War; 2012 Breeders' Cup Classic (gr. I) victor Fort Larned; Classic winner Palace Malice; eight-time grade one winner Game On Dude; three-time grade one winner Flat Out; and grade one winners Moreno, Paynter, and Planteur. Mucho Macho Man's other victories included a 4½ lengths score over Paynter in the Awesome Again Stakes (gr. I), and he also took second in the 2012 Breeders' Cup Classic (gr. I), and third in the Kentucky Derby (gr. I).

Southern Girl and Mucho Macho Man are out of the versatile and talented Ponche de Leona, a winner of eight races – four at two – from 4½ to nine furlongs, including the Anoakia Stakes, which she captured by three lengths. Ponche de Leona is also dam of a Tapit colt – a brother to Southern Girl – who realized \$2,000,000 as a yearling this year, the second most expensive yearling sold at auction in the U.S. in 2016.

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Ponche de Leona's third dam is a stakes winning daughter of the great tap-root mare, Carolwood, from whom descend nearly 50 stakes winners, also including grade one winners Dream Empress, Yonaguska, and Prenup, and grade two winners Carmandia, Tap Day, Jolly Dance, Cat's At Home, Guided Tour, Fairy Garden, and Possible Mate.

A lightly-raced and progressive stakes winner, Tapit's daughter Southern Girl has a \$2,000,000 yearling brother to run for her next year. She is a half-sister to the winner of a vintage renewal of the Breeders' Cup Classic (gr. I), and out of a stakes winning mare from a prolific foundation family, all of which gives her tremendous upside potential as both a runner and producer.

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