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**COMMERCIAL ANALYSIS:
SAMBUCA CLASSIC**

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Few indeed are mares with the credentials of Sambuca Classica. From her first four foals, she is dam of three stakes winners, headed by a Breeders' Cup winning and classic performing Champion Two-Year-Old Colt. What's more, she is sold carrying a full-brother or sister to that champion.

The undoubted star of Sambuca Classic's stakes winning trio is Classic Empire. Fast enough to score over 4½ furlongs on his debut at two, Classic Empire stamped himself as the leader of his generation by adding victories in the Bashford Manor Stakes (gr. III), Breeders' Futurity (gr. I), and Breeders' Cup Juvenile (gr. I).

This year, Classic Empire overcame an early season injury to capture the Arkansas Derby (gr. I). In the Kentucky Derby (gr. I), he lost all chance at the start – the chart notes state *"hammered off stride between rivals, when forced down"* – but rallied courageously from the rear of the field to overcome a wide trip and further interference in the stretch, and claim a valiant fourth. Two weeks later, Classic Empire dueled the Kentucky Derby winner Always Dreaming into submission, only to be caught in the shadow of the post by a late-charging rival.

Sambuca Classica's first four foals also include the multiple stakes winning Anytime Magic and Uptown Twirl. A multiple stakes winner whose victories include the Surfside Stakes, Uptown Twirl gave a glimpse of the value put of this family when selling for \$1,075,000 at last year's November Sales. It's also worth noting that Classic Empire himself was a \$475,000 yearling – the third highest of 55 by his sire sold in 2015 – and that Uptown Twirl had sold at auction for \$630,000, as a two-year-old in training, earlier that same year.

Sambuca Classic is also dam of a 2017 filly by Candy Ride, a three-quarters sister to Uptown Twirl, and from the same sire line of Classic Empire. She is offered carrying a Pioneerof the Nile foal who is a brother or sister to Classic Empire. Out of a mare by

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a son of Storm Cat, this foal will also be bred on the same cross as Pioneer of the Nile's Triple Crown laureate American Pharoah. It would be remiss not to add that, as well his two champions, Classic Empire and American Pharoah, Pioneer of the Nile's first four crops have included such as grade one winning millionaire Midnight Storm; one time Kentucky Derby (gr. I) favorite and 2017 yearling sales sensation, Cairo Prince; and graded scorers Jojo Warrior, Cash Control, Dark Nile, Vinceremos, and Levante Lion. And that is with his best bred crops still to reach the racecourse!

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