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**COMMERCIAL ANALYSIS:
AMERICAN CLEOPATRA**

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In all of the world, there is just one full-sister to a U.S. Triple Crown winner. That mare is American Cleopatra, a grade one performing sister to American Pharoah, who is offered carrying her first foal, a son or daughter of record-breaking sire Uncle Mo.

Since Affirmed captured the Triple Crown in 1978, Spectacular Bid, Pleasant Colony, Alysheba, Sunday Silence, Silver Charm, Real Quiet, Charismatic, War Emblem, Funny Cide, Smarty Jones, Big Brown, and California Chrome had all taken the first two legs, the Kentucky Derby (gr. I) and Preakness Stakes (gr. I), only to go down to defeat in the third leg, the Belmont Stakes (gr. I). Not surprisingly then, more than 35 years after Affirmed, and well into the second decade of the 21st century, many thought that the Triple Crown was beyond the grasp of the modern American thoroughbred.

That point of view was changed in dramatic style by American Pharoah. Champion at two, after dominant victories in the Del Mar Futurity (gr. I) and FrontRunner Stakes (gr. I), American Pharoah was even more formidable at three. A determined Kentucky Derby (gr. I) winner, he romped by seven lengths in the Preakness Stakes (gr. I), then seized the crown with a 5½ length triumph in the Belmont Stakes (gr. I). After adding the Haskell Invitational Stakes (gr. I) to his laurels, American Pharoah completed what the *Daily Racing Form* described as “the most accomplished campaign by a 3-year-old since Secretariat’s in 1973” with a track-record breaking 6½ lengths exhibition in the Breeders’ Cup Classic (gr. I). The first horse ever to capture the Grand Slam of Triple Crown and Breeders’ Cup Classic, American Pharoah earned honors as Champion Three-Year-Old Colt and Horse of the Year, and was also clear top-ranked on the World’s Best Racehorse Rankings for 2015. No wonder that Steve Haskin, writing for *The Blood-Horse* described him as “an icon; the personification of perfection... the ultimate racing machine.”

American Cleopatra was a talented performer in her own right. Her debut saw her score by two lengths over 5½ furlongs, while defeating subsequent grade one winner Union Strike, and in only her second start she took second in the Del Mar Debutante Stakes (gr. I), with Champion Two-Year-Old Filly Champagne Room third, and grade one winner Noted and Quoted fourth.

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American Cleopatra has another promising sibling in St Patrick's Day. Trained – like American Pharoah and American Cleopatra – by Bob Baffert, St Patrick's Day went wire-to-wire to take a competitive Del Mar maiden special weight on September 2. Their dam, Broodmare of the Year Littleprincessemma, also has a yearling filly by Tapit, and 2017 colt by Pioneerof the Nile – a brother to American Pharoah, American Cleopatra, and St Patrick's Day – and is bred back to Tapit.

Littleprincessemma is by a son of Storm Cat, which means that American Cleopatra is bred on the same cross as Pioneerof the Nile's Champion Two-Year-Old Colt Classic Empire. Out of the stakes winning Exclusive Rosette, Littleprincessemma is a three-quarters sister to the Lazaro Barrera Memorial Stakes (gr. II) scorer, Storm Wolf, and to Misty Rosette, a graded and multiple stakes winner, who is also grade one placed.

American Cleopatra is carrying her first foal, a son or daughter of Champion Two-Year-Old Uncle Mo. Already a classic sire, Uncle Mo has made a world record-breaking start to his stud career. His first crop, four-year-olds of 2017, has now produced an astonishing 24 individual stakes winners, 12 of them graded, including Champion Two-Year-Old Colt and Kentucky Derby (gr. I) victor, Nyquist; Wood Memorial Stakes (gr. I) captor Outwork; grade one winning juvenile filly Gomo; and grade two winners Mokat and Laoban.

The Uncle Mo – American Cleopatra mating represents a cross of Uncle Mo with a Fappiano line mare, and Uncle Mo has already sired grade one winner Outwork, and graded winners Unbridled Mo, Uncle Vinny, and Mo Tom from Fappiano line mares. In addition, American Cleopatra combines Fappiano with Storm Cat, where the dam of Uncle Mo's Champion Nyquist is by Forestry, a Storm Cat son who goes back to a mare with a very similar background to Fappiano.

A grade one performer in her own right, American Cleopatra is the only sister to the only Triple Crown winner in almost 40 years, something that makes her unique in the truest sense of the word. Offered in foal to a champion who is a world-record breaking sire, she is carrying a foal bred on an outstanding cross.

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