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**COMMERCIAL ANALYSIS:**  
**ANCIENT SECRET**

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Talented and versatile, Ancient Secret ran up four straight victories from six to eight-and-a-half furlongs, culminating in a graded stakes triumph at Saratoga.

Her debut saw her romp by three lengths in a six furlong maiden special weight at Belmont Park at two. Returning to action more than six months later, Ancient Secret was even more impressive, dominating a seven furlong allowance test at Belmont to score by 4¼ lengths in a sharp 1:22.4.

Stepping up in class and distance, Ancient Secret unleashed a powerful finishing kick to overcome several accomplished and more experienced rivals in the Wild Applause Stakes, stopping the timer in 1:33.92, while accounting for graded stakes winners Tip Type Gal and Baciarni Piccola and stakes winners Thundering Sky and Ava's Kitten. Stretching out to eight-and-a-half furlongs Ancient Secret completed the four-timer with a decisive victory over a field that included graded stakes winners Diamond Fields and Baciarni Piccola, and stakes winners Gone Away and Thundering Sky in the Lake George Stakes (gr. II) at Saratoga.

Ancient Secret is a daughter of the exciting young sire Kantharos. In just three career starts, Kantharos established himself as one of the most spectacular two-year-olds of his crop, taking his maiden by almost 12 lengths, the Bashford Manor Stakes (gr. III) by 9½ lengths, and the Saratoga Special Stakes (gr. II) by 7¼ lengths. Retired to stud in Florida, Kantharos made a sensational start at stud, earning a move to Kentucky for the 2017 breeding season. From his first three Florida-sired crops he has already been represented by 12 stakes winners, including, in addition to Ancient Secret, the multiple graded stakes winning and grade one placed X Y Jet, and the graded and multiple stakes winner Mr. Jordan.

On the distaff side, Ancient Secret comes from a rich family developed by John Nerud, who also guided the remarkably successful Tartan Farm and Genter programs. Her dam, Privacy, is a winning half-sister to stakes winner Admonition, and to the dam of Smart n Pretty, a multiple graded stakes performer whose credits include a second in the Black-Eyed Susan Stakes (gr. II). Privacy is out of Funistrada, a Fappiano daughter who defeated males to capture the Fall Highweight Handicap (gr. II), and who is also dam of graded stakes winner Krisada; of stakes winner Conte

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di Savoya; of Zahwah, runner-up in both the UAE 1,000 Guineas and Oaks, and herself dam of the Natalma Stakes (gr. II) and Mazarine Stakes (gr. II) victress Spring Venture; and of Ministrada, dam of millionaire and five-time graded winner Rahystrada, of the Bashford Manor Stakes (gr. III) winner Lone Star Sky, and granddam of graded stakes winner Ahh Chocolate.

A sister to stakes winner Wakonda, Funistrada is a member of the famed Wildwook family that has also produced Champion and Leading Sire Cozzene; Hawkbill, a group one winner who is currently among Europe's top middle-distance runners; and other grade one winners Tiz Miz Sue, Admiral Kitten, Selmis, Blumenblatt, and Serape.

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