

COMMERCIAL ANALYSIS:

ILLUMINANT

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A grade one winning turf performer, who has demonstrated notable versatility at the highest level, Illuminant is a broodmare prospect with international appeal.

That class and versatility were on display early in Illuminant's career. After taking a maiden at 6½ furlongs and an allowance race at 8½ furlongs – by a combined total of more than 10 lengths – Illuminant reverted to sprinting to miss by just a length in the Monrovia Stakes (gr. II) on her stakes debut. Following a 4 ½-length victory in a one mile Santa Anita allowance event, Illuminant made her first appearance in grade one company in the Jenny Wiley Stakes (gr. I) at Keeneland, where she took third to the mighty Tepin, with those behind including the grade one winner Dacita, graded stakes winners Recepta, Tiger Ride, She's Not Here, and Itsonlyactingdad, and stakes winner Akatea.

On her final outing at four, Illuminant gained revenge on the Jenny Wiley runner-up Wekeela – herself already a group winner – to win the nine furlong Gamely Stakes (gr. I), over a field that also included graded stakes winners Elektrum, Keri Belle, Nancy From Nairobi, Fanticola, and Nashoba's Gold, running a career high Beyer Speed Figure of 100.

This term, Illuminant began her year with a daylight victory over graded scorers Prize Exhibit, Hillhouse High, and Paquita Coqueta in the 6½ furlong Wishing Well Stakes. Most recently, again at the 6½ furlong trip, Illuminant secured her third stakes triumph, defeating grade one winner Juno, graded winners Enola Gray and Paquita Coqueta, and stakes winners Watch This Cat and Swift Lady to capture the Monrovia Stakes (gr. II).

Illuminant is from the first crop of her sire, Quality Road. A horse of immense natural talent, Quality Road won seven graded stakes, including the Florida Derby (gr. I), Woodward Stakes (gr. I), Metropolitan Handicap (gr. I), and Donn Handicap (gr. I) and set three track-records, from 6½ to nine furlongs. The Leading Freshman Sire of 2014, Quality Road has gone on to establish himself as one of North America's most important young stallions. In addition to Illuminant, his offspring include Abel Tasman, a winner of four grade one events to date, including this year's Kentucky Oaks (gr. I); grade one winning juveniles Klimt and Hootenanny; and grade two scorers Blofeld, Frank Conversation, High Ridge Road, and Salty.

Illuminant is out of the three-time sprint stakes winner Sparkling Number, herself a halfsister to multiple stakes winner Smart Sunny, and to the dam of stakes winner Lycurgus. The granddam, Sunny Sparkler, was another talented racemare, taking the Boiling Springs Handicap (gr. III), and is a half-sister to Honey Fox, whose successes including the Ramona Handicap (gr. II), Orchid Handicap (gr. II), and Black Helen Handicap (gr. II). Continuing the

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tradition of excellence in the female line, Sunny Sparkler herself is a granddaughter of Champion Older Mare Blue Sparkler.

Illuminant's pedigree makes her an extremely appealing broodmare prospect, not only in the U.S., but also internationally. Her sire, Quality Road, is by Elusive Quality, a horse who has sired champions in North America, Europe, and Australia. Elusive Quality's impact as a broodmare sire has been equally international with group and grade one winners in North America, Europe, Japan, and Australia.

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