

## COMMERCIAL ANALYSIS: DIAMOND DONA

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## **DIAMOND DONA**

By a champion, out of a champion, Diamond Dona offers a blend of classic ability and speed of the highest level. She's offered carrying a foal from the first crop of a sensational son of Tapit.

Diamond Dona is by A.P. Indy's classic winning champion Bernardini. One of North America's leading sires, Bernardini has group or grade one winners on three continents. He is already sire of nearly 60 stakes winners, 14 of them grade one winners, including Travers Stakes (gr. I) winners Stay Thirsty and Alpha, Cavorting, Dame Dorothy, Angela Renee, Rachel's Valentina, and this year's sprint star Takaful, a three-year-old who defeated his elders to win the Vosburgh Stakes (gr. I). Bernardini is very rapidly emerging as a broodmare sire, and his daughters have already produced 10 stakes winners — all foaled since 2014, so four-year-olds or younger — including graded stakes winners Mo Town, Hunter O'Riley, Arabian Hope, Dark Nile, and Catholic Boy.

A half-sister to group two placed two-year-old Radio Silence, Diamond Dona is out of Eclipse Award winning Champion Female Sprinter Maryfield, heroine of the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint, Ballerina Stakes (gr. I), and Distaff Breeders' Cup Handicap (gr. II). Maryfield is dam of a yearling filly by Candy Ride, a weanling filly by Speightstown, and is bred to Curlin. She also has well-covered young daughters by Medaglia d'Oro and Tapit to breed on for her.

Maryfield's dam, Sly Maid, and granddam, Sly Charmer were both stakes performers, and Sly Charmer is half-sister to three stakes winners, including Sir Pele, successful in the Arcadia Handicap (gr. II) and San Luis Obispo Handicap (gr. II), and multiple grade one placed Swoon. Sly Charmer is out of Miss Pele, a sister to the wonderful mare La Zanzara, a classic winner in Europe and conqueror of males in the San Juan Capistrano Handicap (gr. I).

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Diamond Dona's first foal is a 2017 colt by Bodemeister, sire of this year's Kentucky Derby (gr. I) winner Always Dreaming in his first crop. This colt is bred on a version of the Bodemeister/A.P. Indy cross that is responsible for Bodemeister's brilliant multiple graded stakes winning sprinting son American Anthem and his 2017 stakes winner O Dionysus. It is also a very similar cross to graded stakes winner Dark Nile, who is by a son of Bodemeister's sire, Empire Maker, out of a Bernardini mare.

Diamond Dona is offered carrying a foal from the first crop of Frosted. A spectacular son of Tapit, Frosted won the Metropolitan Handicap (gr. I) may more than 14 lengths, running a Beyer Speedfigure of 123, and took four other graded stakes including the Wood Memorial Stakes (gr. I) and Whitney Stakes (gr. I). This is an intriguing mating as it duplicates a powerful cross – that of A.P. Indy with a mare by a son of Fappiano – via its two most important representatives, Tapit and Bernardini.

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