

ROCK OF GIBRALTAR

The **BLUSHING GROOM** line helped Rock of Gibraltar to a very good year in 2011. With Group wins from Coral Wave, Samitar and Sea of Heartbreak, Rock of Gibraltar's record with **RAINBOW QUEST** mares now stands at five stakes winners from 19 foals. Rock of Gibraltar also sired the demoted 1,000 Guineas winner Jacqueline Quest from a mare by Rainbow Quest's son **CROCO ROUGE**.

Rock of Gibraltar's matings with **MR PROSPECTOR** line mares are very successful, he has sired Gr.1 winner Varenar from a daughter of **MR PROSPECTOR**, a Gr.3 winner out of a **MACHIAVELLIAN** mare and another Gr.3 winner out of a grand-daughter of **MISWAKI**, while his Gr.1 winner Mount Nelson has a **FORTY NINER** mare as his second dam.

Grandsons of **RAISE A NATIVE** sired the dams of Rock of Gibraltar's very talented sons Yellowstone (**EXCLUSIVE ERA**) and High Rock (**ALYSHEBA**).

Rock of Gibraltar is well suited to the **SHARPEN UP** line and he has sired Gr.1 winner Mount Nelson from a **SELKIRK** mare, Unilateral from a **SHARPEN UP** mare and Utrecht from a **KRIS** mare.

BERING comes from another branch of the **NATIVE DANCER** line and Rock of Gibraltar has only five foals out of **BERING** mares but they include the very smart Sofast and the Australian Gr.3 winner Musidora. **BERING** sired the second dam of one of his Australian Gr.2 winners.

Grand-daughters of Northern Dancer will create only 4x4x3 to Northern Dancer, a good example of this is his dual Gr.1 winner Diamondrella.

A fascinating aspect of his record is that he seems to suit inbreeding to **DANZIG**. His Gr.1 winner Mount Nelson has two lines of Danzig, the second through **GREEN DESERT**, and his Australian Gr.2 winner La Rocket is inbred 3x4. **GREEN DESERT** also appears in the pedigrees of Samitar, Roxan, Brusco and English Colony, while Gr.1- winning sprinter Society Rock is another inbred 3x4 to Danzig, as he is out of a mare by **KEY OF LUCK**.

He also has several Group winners out of mares by **SADLER'S WELLS**, including Three Rocks and Kitty Matcham. His classic daughter Jacqueline Quest has a second dam by **SADLER'S WELLS**. He also has an Australian Gr.2 winner from a **SCENIC** mare.

Rock of Gibraltar sired the Gr.3 winner Sweeter Still from a mare inbred 3x4 to Northern Dancer and Group winning two-year-old Rockinante from a mare inbred 2x4, so these both have four lines of the brilliant Windfields stallion.

He has Listed winners out of mares by **PEINTRE CELEBRE** and **ATTICUS**, while High Rock has a **NUREYEV** mare as his second dam.

The **NEVER BEND** line is very interesting as Rock of Gibraltar's third dam, River Lady, was mated to Never Bend to produce Riverman, an outstanding racehorse and sire. Rock of Gibraltar has two stakes winners out of **DARSHAAN** mares, including the Gr.1 winner Eagle Mountain. **RIVERMAN** sired the second dams of the Gr.3 winner Utrecht and the Group-placed Rock Harmonie, while his son **IRISH RIVER** sired the second dam of Anna's Rock.

Rock of Gibraltar has two southern hemisphere Group winners out of **ROBERTO** line mares.