

## **VALENTIA to Cornerstone Stud**

Cornerstone Stud is thrilled to announce the acquisition of **VALENTIA** in association with Louis Le Metayer of Astute Bloodstock.

A son of champion sire **FASTNET ROCK**, he was a terrific winner of the **Gr.2** Skyline Stakes (1200m) as a two-year-old, a race previously won by the likes of **SNITZEL**, **CHOISIR** and another son of **FASTNET ROCK**, the young boom sire **HINCHINBROOK**.

An outstandingly powerful looking individual, **VALENTIA** was a Magic Millions Gold Coast Sale topper when fetching \$1.35 million as a yearling in 2013, the highest price achieved at the sale over the previous five years.

**VALENTIA** was a dual winner at two and is one of only six Group winning two-year-old colts by **FASTNET ROCK**.

Upon his retirement, trainer Gai Waterhouse remarked, "Valentia is arguably the best looking colt ever seen at Tulloch Lodge."

"He won the Skyline Stakes Group Two very comfortably and he was my number one chance in the Golden Slipper."

"Sadly a tendon injury restrained him from fulfilling the great three-year-old career that he was destined for."

As a three-year-old **VALENTIA** placed 3rd in the **Gr.3** Up And Coming Stakes (1300m) when he was beaten less than half a length by Scissor Kick despite striking interference and conceding 4.5kgs.

In the **Gr.2** Stan Fox Stakes (1400m) he also placed 3rd behind Shooting to Win, a horse he had previously beaten in the Up And Coming Stakes.

Coming from a high-class speed family, **VALENTIA** is out of Smart Company, a winning full-sister to dual Group One winning sprinter **SUPER ELEGANT** (by Mister C).

Astute Bloodstock's Louis Le Metayer was buoyant in his appraisal of **VALENTIA** saying, "Valentia is superb athlete with all the attributes to become a successful stallion and I am delighted to be involved."

**VALENTIA** will stand at a fee of \$11,000 inc. GST in his first year at Cornerstone Stud. Please call the office on (08) 8561 0000 for booking enquiries and further details or visit;

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