

RAMONTI (FR)

2002 b c Martino Alonso (GF 108) – Fosca / El Gran Senor 11 st. 8-3-0 €533,690 (01Jan07)

Globeform 117

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Ramonti in a nice morning spin. © www.stefunograsso.it

Martino Alonso (Ire) 1994 GF 108	Marju (Ire) 1988	Last Tycoon (Ire) 1983
	Cheerful Note (GB) 1987	Flame of Tara (Ire) 1980
		Cure the Blues (USA) 1978
		Strident Note (GB) 1981
Fosca (USA) 1995	El Gran Senor (USA) 1981	Northern Dancer (Can) 1961
		Sex Appeal (USA) 1970
	La Locandiera (USA) 1986	Alleged (USA) 1974
		Moon Ingraver (Ire) 1977

Pedigree notes

Martino Alonso won nine races from 3 to 5, mostly from a mile to 10 furlongs (but once over 2 miles) and including a Listed race. He was third in the Vittorio di Capua (G1) at four, and Premio Roma (G1) at five. From just 24 named progeny in his first two crops, he has also sired the G2-placed Listed winner Rumsfeld.

The twice-raced **Fosca** has also bred two selling plate winners but her dam was a Listed winner in Italy and the third dam, **Moon Ingraver**, won the Prix d'Astarte (G3) in France and two Italian Listed races.

Another Italian star?

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Best performance:

3rd HONG KONG MILE (G1) GF 117

8 fur. turf (good) Sha Tin 10 Dec

From lowly beginnings, Ramonti has proved another big success story for Italian breeders and scored his biggest win to date in the **Premio Vittorio di Capua (G1)** over a mile in Milan. He made all the running as usual, quickening in the closing stages and leaving his rivals unable to make up the deficit. He beat G2 winner Notability by a cosy two and a half lengths, with subsequent G1 winner Caradak in third, previous G1 winner Distant Way in fourth and dual G2 winner Arcadio in fifth.

Like his sire, Ramonti did not race at two but won his first three races at three, including a one-mile Listed race and the Italian 2,000 Guineas, the **2005 Premio Parioli (G2)**. He tried to make all in the **Derby Italiano (G1)** next time out, and was still in front a few strides short of the 12 furlong trip, but was pipped at the post by the subsequently disappointing De Sica.

Unfortunately, Ramonti was injured in training shortly afterwards and did not reappear until April 2006. He won twice from three starts in the spring before moving back up from Listed to Group class, taking on seven consistent, but far from top class, rivals in the **Premio Emilio Turati (G2)**. Again, he made all and quickened smartly to pull clear two furlongs out before coasting home in good style.

He then travelled to France for the **Prix Jacques Le Marois (G1)** over a mile at Deauville, where he led for the first seven furlongs but faded to seventh behind Librettist - on ground described as very soft.

Back on home soil in September, Ramonti again failed to handle very heavy conditions when beaten in a Listed contest by Icelandic, who finished eight lengths behind him in the Vittorio di Capua (G1) next time out.

Ramonti was in top form in the autumn, and he next took in the **Premio Ribot (G2)**, a one-mile contest in Rome, where he beat the consistent G2/3 horse and former Ballydoyle resident Mullins Bay (who is now in Dubai) by 5 lengths - Icelandic was around 15 lengths behind him on this occasion.

He had one further run in 2006 and Ramonti's long trip to Sha Tin almost paid dividends. A 16-1 chance in the Hong Kong Mile (G1), he led at a fast pace but was caught in the final furlong and finished third, beaten 1 ½ lengths behind The Duke, who beat Armada by a head. Multiple G1 winner and local star Bullish Luck was half a length behind him in fourth.

With nine starts spread over eight months in 2006, Ramonti made up for missing much of his second season and proved a game, front-running competitor on all conditions bar heavy. He is a free-moving, front-running colt, who has shown his best form over a mile but was very nearly a 12-furlong classic winner, just pipped in the final strides of the Derby Italiano (G1). The Vittorio di Capua (G1) would have been far cry from the best G1 mile race in Europe in 2006, but Ramonti could do no more than win easily, and he put in another good performance on his favoured ground at Sha Tin, so shipping would not appear to be a problem.

Form summary

Classy turf miler, won G1 in Italy and was a good third in Hong Kong Mile (G1) at Sha Tin, best when allowed to lead, and when racing on good ground. Game and genuine, may improve again.

Looking ahead

The Derby Italiano was won in 2002 by another Italian, Rakti, who wound up a dual G1-winning miler after moving to England, and Ramonti may well take a similar route, starting with the Lockinge (G1) and taking in the top mile races in England and France, wherever the going is not too soft. Ascot is a course that will suit him well.

He is now trained by Saeed bin Suroor for new owners Godolphin.