

VENGEANCE OF RAIN (NZ)

2001 b g Zabeel – Danelagh / Danehill

Globeform 120

Globeform 118 in 2006

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Vengeance Of Rain working at Sha Tin ©www.stefanograsso.it

	<i>Sir Tristram (IRE) 1971</i>	<i>Sir Ivor (USA) 1965</i>
<i>Zabeel (NZ) 1986</i>		<i>Isolt (USA) 1961</i>
	<i>Lady Giselle (FR) 1982</i>	<i>Nureyev (USA) 1977</i>
		<i>Valderna (FR) 1972</i>
	<i>Danehill (USA) 1986</i>	<i>Danzig (USA) 1977</i>
<i>Danelagh (AUS) 1995</i>		<i>Razyana (USA) 1981</i>
	<i>Palatious (AUS) 1989</i>	<i>Semipalatinsk (USA) 1978</i>
		<i>Delicious Blue (AUS) 1979</i>

Pedigree notes

Zabeel, leading sire New Zealand / Australia, with other G1 winners like Efficient (2006 Victoria Derby), Lad Of The Manor (Mackinnon Stakes, Orr Sakes), Railings (Caulfield Cup, The Metropolitan), Savabeel (Cox Plate) etc.

Danelagh, won the Blue Diamond Stakes (G1) and has also produced Australian Oaks (G1) winner Dizelle, a full sister to Vengeance Of Rain, who won a Listed race in Australia before being exported to Hong Kong.

Hong Kong's richest

VENGEANCE OF RAN (NZ)

22 st. 10-1-4

£4,372,501 (04Apr07)

Best performance:

WON 2007 HONG

KONG GOLD CUP (G1) GF 120

10 fur. turf (gd-fm) Sha Tin 4 March

Vengeance Of Rain had just three starts in 2006, without showing his absolute best – but he came back to winning form in the **2007 Hong Kong Gold Cup (G1)** over 10 furlongs at Sha Tin in March – beating Viva Pataca by a neck, with Bullish Luck third, half a length further back. All three belong to the upper end of thoroughbreds currently active in Hong Kong. He followed up in an even more prestigious race, the **Sheema Classic (G1)**, four weeks later – to become the richest horse in Hong Kong racing (see below).

The son of Zabeel was making his second start of the year, after a fifth to Armada in the **Stewards' Cup (G1)** in January, and it was nice to see him back to form. He had run a bit below par in the **Hong Kong Cup (G1)** over 10 furlongs in December, when seeing the French mare Pride, and the Australian colt Admire Moon, in front of him passing the line.

Vengeance Of Rain made his comeback over 6 furlongs in October (much too sharp) and ran a good race under a high weight. He stepped up nicely on that form with his fifth to top miler

2007 Sheema Classic winner

Vengeance of Rain has come back to his best in the early part of 2007. After winning the **Hong Kong Cup (G1)** over 10 furlongs at Sha Tin, by a nose from Viva Pataca, he took full advantage of a slow early pace in the 12-furlong **Dubai Sheema Classic (G1)** at Nad Al Sheba on March 31. Always travelling strongly just off the pace, the son of Zabeel could be called the winner as soon as they reached the 400-metre pole, and he ran out a solid 1 ¼-length victor from 33-1 shot (and course specialist) Oracle West, with the English trained 4-year-olds Youmzain and Sir Percy in third and fourth.

His earnings at Nad Al Sheba made Vengeance of Rain the highest earner in the history of Hong Kong racing, as he surpassed Silent Witness's previous record. Vengeance of Rain has picked up HK\$70.3m., and there is probably more to come!

Form summary

High class Hong Kong performer (ex-Australian), winner of six G1 events in 2005 – 2007 (up to April 1), over 10 and 12 furlongs; clearly as good as ever, after a troubled start to 2006.

Looking ahead

Vengeance Of Rain now seems likely to have another crack at April's Queen Elizabeth II Cup (G1) – which he won in 2005, and there is also the possibility of a trip to Royal Ascot in June.

Armada in the **CX Mile Trial (G2)** in November, when he went down by under two lengths and performed to GF 116+.

Vengeance of Rain had landed the **2005 Hong Kong Cup (G1)**, beating Pride. He went into the race unbeaten in four runs over course and distance, having won three major events at Sha Tin; the **Hong Kong Derby (G1)** from High Intelligent, followed by the **Queen Elizabeth II Cup (G1)** from Greys Inn, and the **Champions & Chater Cup (G1)** in May, where he beat Best Gift.

A New Zealand bred son of Zabeel, Vengeance of Rain was named *Subscribe* before coming to Hong Kong. His best distance is 10 furlongs, or 2000 metres, and he is at his most effective on good or good to firm ground. He ran prominently throughout in the 2007 Hong Kong Gold Cup, but has also been ridden successfully from off the pace. He is tough and genuine racehorse.