



# Discreetly Mine well stocked with ties to \*La Troienne

by Rommy Faversham

In his first start around two turns, Discreetly Mine established an ideal pace and went on to lead at every point of call before scoring by 1½ lengths in the \$300,000 Risen Star Stakes (G2) on February 20 at Fair Grounds.

The win was the first in a stakes for the three-year-old Mineshaft colt, who covered 1½ miles in 1:44.88 on a track rated as fast.

As a two-year old, Discreetly Mine picked up his first victory in his third start before stepping up with a pair of strong runner-up finishes to D' Funnybone and Homeboykris at Belmont Park in the Futurity (G2) and Champagne (G1) Stakes, respectively.



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The bay E. Paul Robsham homebred has two wins and three seconds from seven starts and earnings of \$359,350. His next start is expected to come in the Louisiana Derby (G2) on March 27 at Fair Grounds.

## DISCREETLY MINE

Discreetly Mine was bred in Kentucky by Robsham, who also bred his bountiful dam, 1995 Alabama Stakes (G1) winner Pretty Discreet. The Private Account mare previously produced 2006 Hill 'n' Dale Cigar Mile Handicap (G1) winner Discreet Cat, by Storm Cat, as well as Grade 1-placed multiple stakes winner Pretty Wild, by Wild Again. Their unraced half sister, Discreetly Awesome, is the dam of 2009 Matron Stakes (G2) winner Awesome Maria, by Maria's Mon.

Discreetly Mine's unplaced grandam, Pretty Persuasive, is a full sister to 1987 Kentucky Oaks (G1) heroine Buryourbelief. Further back, Discreetly Mine's fifth dam, the \*Mahmoud filly Happy Mood, finished in a dead heat for the win in the 1954 Acorn Stakes.

Discreetly Mine hails from the third crop of 2003 Horse of the Year Mineshaft, who stands at Lane's End in Versailles, Kentucky, for \$20,000.

Mineshaft's 13 stakes winners also include Grade 2 winners Casino

Discreetly Mine, b. c., 2007			
Mineshaft 99 263 fls, 13 SWs SI 2.02 DI=3.00	A.P. Indy 89 8 wins, \$5,959,630 Champion 1022 fls, 130 SWs SI 3.98 DI=2.54	Seattle Slew 74 1050 fls, 114 SWs SI 4.76 DI=2.14	Bold Reasoning 68 Boldnesian 63 Reason to Earn 63
	Prospectors Delite 89 6 wins, \$432,953, SW 5 fls, 5 SWs DI=2.54	Weekend Surprise 80 14 fls, 4 SWs DI=2.64	My Charmer 69 Poker 63 Fair Charmer 59
	Mr. Prospector 70 1178 fls, 181 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	Up the Flagpole 78 10 fls, 7 SWs DI=1.37	Secretariat 70 Bold Ruler 54 Somethingroyal 52
Pretty Discreet 92 11 fls, 3 SWs DI=1.78	Private Account 76 6 wins, \$339,396, SW 589 fls, 61 SWs SI 4.00 DI=3.00	Damascus 64 738 fls, 71 SWs SI 3.32 DI=6.20	Lassie Dear 74 Buckpasser 63 Gay Missile 67
	Numbered Account 69 10 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.82	Believe It 75 803 fls, 30 SWs SI 1.37 DI=2.43	Raise a Native 61 Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46
	Pretty Persuasive 88 Unplaced 2 fls, 1 SW DI=1.63	Bury the Hatchet 73 16 fls, 1 SW DI=0.96	Gold Digger 62 Nashua 52 Sequence 46
			Hoist the Flag 68 Tom Rolfe 62 Wavy Navy 54
			The Garden Club 66 *Herbager 56 Fashion Verdict 60
			Sword Dancer 56 Sunglow 47 Highland Fling 50
			Kerala 58 *My Babu 45 Blade of Time 38
			Buckpasser 63 Tom Fool 49 Busanda 47
			Intriguing 64 Swaps 52 Glamour 53
			In Reality 64 Intentionally 56 My Dear Girl 57
			Breakfast Bell 70 Buckpasser 63 *Reveille II 61
			Tom Rolfe 62 *Ribot 52 Pocahontas 55
			Christmas Wishes 67 Northern Dancer 61 Happy Mood 51

Drive and Cool Coal Man and Grade 3 Coal Play.

Discreetly Mine's "Derby-friendly" pedigree is reinforced by a rich network of strains from the great mid-20th century American matriarch \*La Troienne, including three lines of her breed-shaping great-grandson Buckpasser.

\*La Troienne's great-granddaughter Glamour produced Poker, Seattle Slew's broodmare sire. Glamour also appears as the third dam of Private Account.

For good measure, Glamour's full sister, So Chic, is Mineshaft's fifth dam, creating an auspicious pattern of inbreeding to the family of the sire—and a rather influential clan at that.

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