

Master Of My Fate

Jet Master – Promisefrommyheart by Elliodor

Secret Recipe. That's the secret behind Soho Secret, champion broodmare and female line ancestor of champions.

Secret Recipe is the third dam of Soho Secret, and the pedigree build-up of her female line descendants makes for a riveting story.

Secret Recipe is the first foal of her dam Skye, a classic filly of her year in the UK, and sold for a large sum at the end of her 3yo career to the USA. Skye, a daughter of 2000 Guineas and Epsom Derby winner Blue Peter, is by Epsom Derby winner Hyperion out of a half sister to wartime Derby winner Ocean Swell (also by Blue Peter). Her first stud-visit in America was to Epsom Derby winner Mahmoud, resulting in the filly Secret Recipe. Some pedigree!

Although Secret Recipe was no more than a modest winner in her home country, the seed was sown. Through an unraced daughter, Smart Secret (by Dedicate, damsire also of Mock Orange and Natashka, both blue hens), Secret Recipe became grandam of Secret Landing (by First Landing). Secret Landing won a dozen minor races in the USA before being sold as a 4yo to Birch Bros. in South Africa. Soho Secret is her first foal.

By now the pedigree had gained momentum. The grandam of First Landing and third dam of Dedicate are both by leading US-sire Wrack, a 3-part brother to the third dam of Skye. Bottom-female line elements, in other words, were piling up.

Soho Secret is from the first crop of Regent Street, a highclass French miler (rated 120), standing at Godfrey Gird's Maine Chance Farms. Regent Street is closely kinbred, as are his sire Gulf Stream and dam Fair Spoken.

Gulf Stream is 2x1 Selene x Tide-Way, Fair Spoken is 3x1 Lavendula x Tudor Fair – these come together in Regent Street, who is kin-bred 2x1 Tide-Way x Fair Spoken, and 2x4x2 Tide-Way x Lavendula x Tudor Fair.

All of these turn out to be close kin to Secret Recipe, giving 3x2x3 Tide-Way x Fair Spoken x Secret Recipe and 3x5x3x3 Tide-Way x Lavendula x Tudor Fair x Secret Recipe. As it turns out, Regent Street's sire Gulf Stream (a son of Hyperion) is very close kin to Regent Street's grandam Tudor Fair as well as to Secret Recipe.

The stage is set.

Soho Secret has the best race-record of any daughter of Regent Street. Trained by Stanley Greeff in PE, she won two stakes races and placed in the Paddock Stakes (1977, won by Artist's Pride). Her legacy as ancestor of major winners is impressive. Let's dissect some of the best of those in the family's branch leading up to Master Of My Fate.

London News, multiple champion and twice Horse of the Year. Sired by Bush Telegraph, whose dam Maiden Over (Persian Wonder) is kinbred 2x2 Lilac Belle x No Appeal. Both go to Soho Secret's kin-breeding, giving 4x4x3x4 Lilac Belle x No Appeal x Fair Spoken x Secret Recipe. No Appeal also is close kin to Secret Recipe's dam Skye.

Promisefrommyheart, multiple Gr1 winner and Champion 3yo filly. By Elliodor out of London News' full sister Secret Pact. Elliodor's third dam Martial Loan makes it happen, giving 4x5x5 Martial Loan x No Appeal x Secret Recipe, and 4x5x6 Martial Loan x No Appeal x Skye. Interesting in this context is Elliodor's son Model Man, whose dam has a double of Blue Peter, and whose champion daughter League Title is from the same bottom female line as Soho Secret.

Pluck, US Breeder's Cup Juvenile winner. By More Than Ready out of Secret Pact's daughter Secret Heart (by Fort Wood). More Than Ready's third dam Good Landing is a daughter of First Landing, and is close kin to Soho Secret's dam Secret Landing.

Covenant, Gr1 placed Gr1 winning sprint/miler. By Western Winter out of Secret Pact. Western Winter's sire Gone West is out of Secrettame, who is close kin to Soho Secret (the pair 3x2 in the pedigree). Secrettame's grandam Mixed Marriage (a significant influence in Gone West) is close kin to Secret Recipe, and also to No Appeal (the significant 3rd dam of Secret Pact's sire Bush Telegraph – see London News, above), Lilac Belle, Tide-Way and is very close to Tudor Fair. In the far background, Western Winter's apparent significant female line ancestor Golden Feast is kin to Secret Recipe.

PICK OF THE BUNCH

*Suitable mares for
Master Of My Fate could include*

- **those of his own female line, including Elliodor (notably Model Man), Bush Telegraph (notably London News and sires descending from No Appeal – Lords, Song Of Songs, Piaffer), Dancing Blues, Regent Street (notably Miss Lily!), First Landing, League Title, etc.;**
- **concentrations of Lavendula** – widespread through Turn To/Hail To Reason/Halo (incl Roberto, Al Mufti, Captain Al; Damascus, Rollins; Right Approach, etc), and through other daughters of Source Sucree (Irish River, Dynasty, West Man), My Babu/Joy (notably Dynasty);
- **Mixed Marriage, notably Sharpen Up (Dominion Royale), Gone West (Western Winter, West Man, Count duBois, Dupont, Indigo Magic, etc.);**
- **remote female line descendants, incl Tudor Melody (notably National Emblem, Saumarez, Second Empire – the latter's 4th dam very close kin to Secret Recipe), Forty Niner (Trippi), Forest Wildcat (Var); -etc.**

Master Of My Fate, rated MR 114 at the time of his injury, a potential Gr1 winning rating. By Jet Master out of Promisefrommyheart. Jet Master carries four lines of Lavendula, two from Turn To's son Hail To Reason, and two from the brothers My Babu and Joy. Jet Master's damsire Rollins has two of the four. Lavendula appeared as one of four kin-linked female line ancestors in Secret Recipe, as outlined above.

Where From Here

The make-up of Soho Secret and her best off-spring, with their many kin-links, gives opportunities. Soho Secret's own female line descendants, certainly.

Soho Secret is kinbred 3x5x3x3 Tide-Way x Lavendula x Tudor Fair x Secret Recipe; the first three come from her sire Regent Street, who can be found in some SA female lines. His daughter Miss Lily is especially noted, because of the kin-links of her female line with those of Jet Master (her half sister Run For Lily is grandam of Gr1 Ravishing, by Jet Master).

Lavendula is widespread (Turn To/Hail to Reason, My Babu/Joy), but of special interest could be Lavendula's female line descendants Dynasty and West Man.

London News has daughters at stud. His sire Bush Telegraph came into the picture with Lilac Belle (dam of Persian Wonder) and No Appeal (female line of Lords, Song Of Songs).

Then there's Elliodor, through his third dam Martial Loan. Elliodor's son Model Man (with his double Blue Peter) was noted above as sire of League Title, the latter from the same tail-female line as Soho Secret, and with descendants in SA.

More Than Ready came in the picture as sire of Pluck. His son Gimmethegreenlight started a stud career at the same farm as Master Of My Fate in 2013, while there also are a few imported daughters in SA.

Gone West was noted above, as sire of Western Winter. Gone West is well represented in the SA mare population, as is his significant female line ancestor Mixed Marriage. The latter shows up as dam of Atan (sire of Sharpen Up) in Dominion Royale, whose grandam Coal Face is close kin to Secret Recipe, and who has a double Blue Peter to boot. Another to note is Right Approach, whose significant ancestor Hypericum is close kin to Secret Recipe, while the pedigree contains Blue Peter and a double Lavendula.

Supporters of the theory of female line kin-breeding may want to take note of sires descending from the same bottom-female line ancestry as Soho Secret. They include the very closely kin-bred Tudor Melody (significant among others in National Emblem and Saumarez), Forty Niner (grandsire of Trippi) and Forest Wildcat (sire of Var), the latter's dam close kin to Forty Niner. Combinations of Trippi and Var in future broodmares are a possibility.

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