



SA Thoroughbred Breeders Horse of the Year 23/24

Classy mare and Group 1 winner **Benedetta** (Hellbent x Whatalovelyday) was named the SPORTSBET SA Thoroughbred Breeders HORSE OF THE YEAR on Saturday night.

In a close photo finish just like her SPORTSBET Group 1 Goodwood Handicap win, Benedetta finished fast to beat other Group 1 SA bred winners, Attrition, Queman & Socks Nation with rising Hong Hong superstar and Group 1 placegetter Galaxy Patch in the finish also.

Leading Broodmare

Broodmare WHATALOVELYDAY owned by Brenton Parker and the dam of Benedetta, also got the chocolates winning the Claude Haigh Memorial Broodmare of the year award.



Breeder of SATB Horse of the Year 23/24 Benedetta Brenton Parker pictured with Tom Biddington from Sportsbet



Benedetta - bred by Brenton & Liz Parker



Queman - Bred by Mr FJL Smith



Socks Nation - Bred by Mr IV Millard



Galaxy Patch - bred by Rob & Maureen McBryde



Attrition - Bred by Harry Perks Toorak T/Bred Breeding Tst



Leading Breeder - Harry Perks with Rob Rorrison Racing SA Chairman

Racing Rewards Awards



RACING REWARDS SA

Recent Order of Australia recipient Harry Perks OA was named Racing SA's Leading Breeder, Leading Breeder Stakes winners and Individual winners.

Harry's Toorak Breeding Trust bred 3 horse of the year finalists, Attrition, and he co-bred Rose Quartz with partner Sam Scaffidi.



David Irwin was named leading owner, Richard and Chantelle Jolly leading Trainers with Jake Toeroek leading Jockey.



Leading Owner - David Irwin



Leading Trainers - Richard & Chantelle Jolly



Leading Jockey - Jake Toeroek pictured with Racing SA Chair Rob Rorrison

Matrice Award



Wolf Blass with Matrice Award sponsors Horsemad SA Vets
Dr Michael Taylor and Dr Ashley Vermeulen
Photo Atkins Photography

Wolf Blass

In a fitting tribute **Wolf Blass** was awarded the coveted **Matrice Award** for outstanding contribution to the SA Thoroughbred industry function on Saturday night held in the SAJC Wolf Blass "The Man" Function Centre. The highly respected and legendary 90-year-old bounded to the stage and delivered an inspirational speech outlining his breeding journey over many years.

Wolf's involvement in racing started in the mid-1960s owning over 400 winners nationally and also in California, USA. Wolf's horses carried the Eagle moniker in their names in recognition of his world renowned wine business. Wolf's best horses are headed by champion dual Group 1 winning 3yo filly Dashing Eagle, other quality gallopers included Eagle Rhythm, Rising Eagle, Assertive Eagle, Impressive Eagle, Alpine Eagle.

Wolf has also been a valued mentor to many younger industry participants over his lifetime of involvement.



Tribute to Gold Guru - 30 Years

The owners of spritely 30-year-old former champion 3-year-old 1997-1998 racing year **Gold Guru** were given a special video tribute of his racing career.

In a career spanning 43 starts, Gold Guru won 8 wins and 8 placings earning \$2,454,860.00 while winning Group 1 races the AJC Derby, VRC Australian Guineas, STC Ranvet Stakes G1 beating champions Might and Power and Tie the Knot.

Gold Guru a close relative of 2024 VRC Derby winner **Gold Rush Guru** continues to enjoy his retirement days at Mill Park Stud SA.



Gold Guru (AJC Derby 1998) - Image courtesy of Bradley Photos

SA Bred horses continue to punch above their weight, said SA Breeders President Ralph Satchell, we have a committed group of proven breeders in SA that own high quality broodmares, these mares consistently produce Group 1 and metropolitan winners nationally year in, year out and we look forward to presenting their yearlings to the market over the coming sales season.

Appreciation given to our major sponsor Sportsbet, all trophy Sponsors, Auction item and Raffle donors to make the SATB Horse of the year 23/24 awards evening possible.

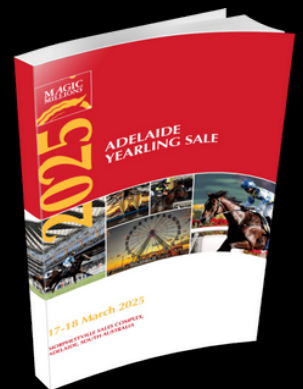
A warm thank you also to those that attended the evening and special thanks to Terry Hann from Atkins Photography for all images.

Up coming Sales

Inglis Premier Yearling Sale at Oaklands in Melbourne from March 2-4.

Our SA vendors Cornerstone, Mill Park and Willow Grove have a combined total of over 20 entries in the sale.

The **Magic Millions** Inspections and Sales will be held from the 13th to the 18th of March 2025. There will be 16 local vendors represented with 95 Yearlings to be paraded and sold.



We wish all the local vendors representing their breeders' success with their entries.



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Applications for the 2025 Thoroughbred Breeders Australia's Fast Track Program are now open!

This free, 12-month program offers successful applicants the chance to turn their passion into a profession, all while completing a paid placement in the thoroughbred industry.

Interested to know more?

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