

SUBJECTIVIST (GB)

2017 by Teofilo



Bay 2017, 16.1hh (1.64m) **TEOFILO- RECKONING (DANEHILL DANCER)**

SUBJECTIVIST requires no introduction, the winner of the Ascot Gold Cup in 2021, as well as the Dubai Gold Cup in 2021 and the Prix Royal Oak in 2020. He is an exceptional specimen, and a truly exciting addition to the roster.

Stud Director Grace Skelton said, 'The addition of SUBJECTIVIST to our Stallion Roster is a huge leap forward for Alne Park Stud. To stand a stallion of this calibre is an immense honour. He will stand at an introductory fee of £4000. We firmly believe that keeping this exceptional stallion in the UK is a real boost to British breeders and we hope that he will see plenty of support in his debut season.'

Mark Johnston said, 'I always say that, when placing horses, the opposition trumps all other factors. But, very rarely, you come across a horse where the opposition isn't a factor at all. Subjectivist was such a horse. In 2021, I truly believed that there wasn't a horse in the world that could beat him at two miles or more, in any ground. There is less and less need for British NH Breeders to travel to Ireland and, with the incentives on offer in the UK perhaps the Irish breeders will be thinking of coming over here!'

- NH Elite Mares' Scheme Eligible

STUD FEE: £4,000

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Stud role for Subjectivist

IT WAS announced last month that Dr Jim Walker's dual Group 1 winner, Subjectivist, by Teofilo out of the Danehill Dancer mare, Reckoning, has been retired to stud and will stand at Alne Park Stud in Warwickshire in 2024.

Bred by Mascalls Stud, Subjectivist was purchased at Book 2 of Tattersalls October Yearling Sale in 2018 for 62,000gns. He ran seven times as a juvenile in 2019, winning a Chelmsford novice event over seven furlongs by seven lengths, as well as finishing second three times, notably in Salisbury's Listed Stonehenge Stakes.

At three, Subjectivist began his campaign with a decent third to Hukum, to whom he gave 4lb, in the King George V Handicap at Royal Ascot. He progressed to land the Listed Glasgow Stakes at Hamilton and the Group 3 March Stakes at Goodwood by 15 lengths. After disappointing slightly in the St Leger, Subjectivist bounced back to land the Prix Royal-Oak, Group 1, at Longchamp in October.

In 2021, as a four-year-old, Subjectivist turned in two career-defining performances. At Meydan in March, he comprehensively defeated a stellar field in landing the Dubai Gold Cup, Group 2, by five and three-quarter lengths, setting a new track record time in the process. Then in June, he simply demolished a quality field of 11 opponents in the Ascot Gold Cup, Group 1. Despite a couple of injury scares since Dubai, he produced a commanding performance under a superb Joe Fanning ride to 'announce himself as

the new superpower in the staying division', winning by five lengths from Princess Zoe. Among the beaten horses at Ascot that day were the winners of the Prix du Cadran (Princess Zoe), three Ascot Gold Cups (Stradivarius), the Derby (Serpentine), the Irish Derby (Santiago), the Melbourne Cup (Twilight Payment), the Yorkshire Cup (Spanish Mission) and the Sagaro Stakes (Nayef Road).

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'At that point in time I genuinely thought Subjectivist would go on to emulate Yeats and dominate that division for a long time,' commented Charlie Johnston, when announcing Subjectivist's retirement from racing.

'He was a champion stayer, and my regret is that we only got to see how good he really was during a six-month window.'

After being forced to miss the entire 2022 season through injury, and after a long programme of rehabilitation, he contested the 2023 renewal of the Gold Cup, finishing a brave third of the 12

runners.

Alne Park Stud's Grace Skelton, the wife of the National Hunt trainer, Dan Skelton, expressed delight at the arrival of Subjectivist at her stud.

'The addition of Subjectivist to our stallion roster is a huge leap forward for Alne Park Stud,' she said.

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Mark Johnston is on record as having the highest opinion of the horse.

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Subjectivist is a half-brother to the multiple Group winner and St Leger second, Sir Ron Priestley, and to the Group 2 Rockfel Stakes third, Alba Rose, both, of course, trained by Johnston Racing.

Mark feels that the addition of Subjectivist to the Alne Park roster represents not just a huge step forward for the stud itself but also for British NH breeding as a whole.

'Among a top-class band of NH stallions now standing in the UK, Subjectivist offers exceptional value at a fee of £4,000,' he said.

While all at Johnston Racing were sorry to see the curtain drawn on Subjectivist's racing career, they are excited to see how this new chapter in his life plays out. ■