

# VINERY STUD STAKES (2000m) PREVIEW

## April 2, 2011: Rosehill, Race 4, 1.45pm

### OVERVIEW

#### (Based on a track rated dead 4)

Interestingly, while the G1 Vinery Stud Stakes is the key lead-up to the AJC Oaks (2400m, Randwick), only six fillies have gone on to win the double since the Vinery, then raced under its registered name of the Storm Queen Stakes, was first run in 1979 (won by Impede).

The most recent filly to do it was Heavenly Glow in 2008, and before that Serenade Rose in 2006.

It is interesting because the Vinery Stud Stakes has been won by some of Australia's best 3YO fillies, many of whom failed at Randwick – fillies such as Slight Chance, Northwood Plume, Saleous, Champagne, Tempest Morn, Shower Of Roses, Special Harmony, Hollow Bullet and Faint Perfume.

The top-rated filly of the season, Mike Moroney's exceptional **Brazilian Pulse** looks poised to add her name to that imposing list of Vinery Stud Stakes winners.

The New Zealand-bred filly was the dominant filly of the spring when she won the G2 Wakeful Stakes (2000m) on Derby day at Flemington, and backed up five days later for an easy win in the G1 VRC Crown Oaks (2500m), beating Shamrock. That's as good a form line as any 3YO – male or female – in the country, because Shamrock has emerged as a star this autumn by thrashing the colts and geldings in the G1 Australian Guineas (1600m, Flemington) before finishing a terrific third behind Jimmy Choux and Retrieve in the G1 Rosehill Guineas (2000m, Rosehill) last week.

Brazilian Pulse has had a softer build-up to her targets; finishing a good first-up second behind Do Ra Mi in the G2 Kewney Stakes (1400m, Flemington) before impressively winning last week's G3 Keith Nolan Classic (1800m, Rosehill) with 58.5kg on her back. She meets her Nolan rivals on 4kg better terms this week.

Moroney toyed with the idea of running Brazilian Pulse in the G1 Doncaster Handicap (1600m) rather than the Oaks, but he has decided to stick with her own age and sex. She should get a nice run behind the pace on Saturday, and I expect her to be too classy for her rivals.

TAB	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	BR	WGT	TAB Odds	DP* Ratings
1	Brazilian Pulse (NZ)	Craig Williams	Michael Moroney	6	56	\$2.70	\$2.20
2	Pinker Pinker	Dwayne Dunn	Greg Eurell	10	56	\$6.50	\$11
3	Do Ra Mi (NZ)	Luke Nolen	Peter Moody	4	56	\$4.20	\$5
4	Sworn To Secrecy (NZ)	Hugh Bowman	John O'Shea	5	56	\$7	\$8.50
5	Mirjulisa Lass	Corey Brown	Greg Hickman	3	56	\$31	\$41
6	Fibrillation	Damien Oliver	Tim Martin	8	56	\$13	\$34
7	Iron Lace	Glyn Schofield	Chris Waller	7	56	\$26	\$34
8	Who's Ready	Josh Parr	Alan Scorse	11	56	\$51	\$51
9	Chula Vista	Tim Clark	Anthony Cummings	2	56	\$71	\$71
10	Cool Flyer	Rod Quinn	Terry Croft	9	56	\$101	\$101
11	Triple Six	Brenton Avdulla	Grahame Begg	1	56	\$15	\$15

Percentages: TAB (116.3%); DP (105.6%)

\* Danny Power's ratings are a guide only. TAB Price as at 9.00am Friday.

**Do Ra Mi** hasn't raced since the Kewney, when she swooped home from last for a brilliant win, but she jumps from 1400m to 2000m and meets a much fitter and switched on Brazilian Pulse at Rosehill. I expect the result to be reversed.

John O'Shea's ex-Kiwi filly **Sworn To Secrecy** should run well. She is a filly who looks like she will relish 2000m and further – maybe the Oaks will be her race. The daughter of Keeper has been racing well against the colts and geldings, including a solid late-closing third behind Blackie in the G2 Phar Lap Stakes (1600m, Rosehill) two weeks ago.

A filly on the up is Grahame Begg's **Triple Six** – he's a great trainer of fillies, and he rates this one highly.

Triple Six is a maiden but she has been screaming out for a bit of distance.

**Pinker Pinker** is in great form in Melbourne – and Angus Armanasco Stakes winners have a good record in this race, but I have my doubts about her at 2000m, especially after she drew wide.

### THE TEMPO - MODERATE

I don't expect a lot of speed here. The roughies **Chula Vista**, **Who's Ready** and **Iron Lace** will go forward – Brazilian Pulse should be able to park on their backs.

I expect Luke Nolen, on Do Ra Mi, will have his filly a lot closer to the lead than she was in winning The Vanity at Flemington.

### RECOMMENDED PLAY

Brazilian Pulse looks a standout bet for me, so much so that I rank her a \$2.20 chance, when you will get close to \$2.80-\$3.00 on Betfair. I am playing big time. I don't often rate a favourite under the current best price available.

Only two serious dangers, Do Ra Mi and Sworn To Secrecy, and both are worth support if they get out to good odds, particularly, if the money comes for Brazilian Pulse as I expect.

Play on Do Ra Mi at better than \$5, and look for around \$9 for Sworn To Secrecy.

The lay is Pinker Pinker. I have my doubts about her at 2000m from the wide draw. Jockey Dwayne Dunn will have to go back as she is a filly that needs cover – she can't give BP a start and a beating, and she can't be used early.

**SPEED MAP – PREDICTED POSITIONS ON SETTLING**

 Cool Flyer	 Pinker Pinker	 Fibrillation	 Brazilian Pulse	 Iron Lace	 Who's Ready
 Mirjulisa Lass	 Triple Six	 Sworn To Secrecy	 Do Ra Mi		 Chula Vista

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**THE TOP SIX**

1. Brazilian Pulse
2. Do Ra Mi
3. Sworn To Secrecy
4. Triple Six
5. Pinker Pinker
6. Fibrillation

**ANALYSIS BY RUNNER**
**1. BRAZILIAN PULSE (NZ)**
**(b f 3, Captain Rio (GB)-Sharazad (IRE), by Tenby (GB))**

Outstanding filly who is transferring her dominant spring form to the autumn. In the spring, she easily won the G1 VRC Oaks (2500m) and the G2 Wakeful Stakes (2000m) at Flemington – the Oaks win was only her sixth start. She returned with a terrific 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Do Ra Mi in the G2 Kewney Stakes (1400m, Flemington), and followed that with a very good win over Fibrillation in the G3 Keith Nolan Classic (1800m, Rosehill) last week. Backing up in seven days won't worry her as she backed up in three days from the Wakeful to the Oaks. Perfectly drawn and she looks the winner. The VRC Oaks is a great guide to this race. In recent years, Faint Perfume, Miss Finland, Hollow Bullet, Special Harmony and Serenade Rose have completed the double.

**2. PINKER PINKER**
**(b f 3, Reset-Miss Marion, by Success Express (USA))**

There is nothing of this little filly, but she has a slick turn of foot and great courage. Not raced since beating Platinum Passion in the G3 Matron Stakes (1600m, Flemington) on Mar. 12. Before that she out-sprinted Sayahailmary to win the G2 Armanasco Stakes (1400m, Caulfield). Five fillies have won the Armanasco-

Vinery double, the most recent Miss Finland in 2007. Pinker Pinker is drawn awkwardly in barrier 10, which means jockey Dwayne Dunn will need to go back to look for cover. Hard to see her giving Brazilian Pulse a start and a beating. Place claims.

**3. DO RA MI (NZ)**
**(b f 3, Savabeel (NZ)-Aulide, by Snippets)**

Much-improved filly from the powerful Peter Moody stable. Showed her class with a storming sprint from last to beat Brazilian Pulse in the G2 Kewney Stakes (1400m, Flemington) on Mar. 12. Ridden on the pace when run down by Southern Speed in the G3 The Vanity (1400m, Flemington) before that. Takes the big jump from 1400m to 2000m, but Moody believes the trip will suit her. Meets Brazilian Pulse on the same weight terms, but this time on BP terms, as BP will be fitter and more suited to 2000m.

**4. SWORN TO SECRECY (NZ)**
**(b f 3, Keeper-Heartache (NZ), by Casual Lies (USA))**

Former New Zealand filly, who has been placed in her three starts for trainer John O'Shea. Her 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Kudakulari in the LR Canberra Guineas (1400m) was a beauty because she swooped from last with a big run around the field on the turn, only to be run down by the winner. It was a brave effort. She then finished strongly for 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Blackie and Fast Clip in the G2 Phar Lap Stakes (1500m, Rosehill) on Mar. 19, when she handled the wet track. Her form is solid around some smart colts and geldings. Back against the fillies is not necessarily easier, as the fillies' form stands up strongly. The 2000m looks ideal.

**5. MIRJULISA LASS**
**(br f 3, Danasinga-Dol, by Dolphin Street (FR))**

Capable filly, who comes out of restricted class for her first try in Stakes company.

Made good ground along the rails for 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Iron Lace in an 1800m benchmark 75 at Randwick (Kensington) on Mar. 16. Before that she beat Anything over the same track and distance, coming from well back off a quick tempo. She's tough and she hits the line strongly.

**6. FIBRILLATION**
**(gr f 3, Diatribe-Sudden Beat, by Serheed (USA))**

This filly has had only six starts for a win at her debut – on a heavy track at Randwick (1400m) last August – but she has raced three times at Group level. It was her last-start 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Brazilian Pulse in the G3 Keith Nolan Classic (1800m) at Rosehill, on Mar. 26, that showed she is worthy of racing in this company. She ran on well, but the classy winner was too good – Fibrillation meets Brazilian Pulse on 4kg worse terms.

**7. IRON LACE**
**(b or br f 3, Encosta De Lago-Orderly, by Marscay)**

Came off a 26-day break to beat Diamond Jim and Mirjulisa Lass in an 1800m benchmark 75 race at Randwick (Kensington) on Mar. 16, after racing on the pace. Nice filly with a future, but this is a steep rise in class.

**8. WHO'S READY**
**(ch f 3, More Than Ready (USA)-Joie de Vivre (USA), by Be My Guest (USA))**

Raced handy and wide and hit the lead briefly before tiring for 8<sup>th</sup> behind Brazilian Pulse in the G3

Keith Nolan Classic (1800m, Rosehill) on Mar. 26. Beaten three lengths, so it wasn't a bad effort. Her last win was a 1700m 3YOF race on heavy ground at Flemington on Oaks day in November. Win will surprise.

### **9. CHULA VISTA**

**(b f 3, Encosta De Lago-Petta Gaye, by Danehill (USA))**

One win from 11 starts. Drew wide and worked across to sit outside the leader before weakening for 13<sup>th</sup> behind Brazilian Pulse in the G3 Keith Nolan Classic (1800m, Rosehill) last week. Will deservedly go around at long odds, but might set a good tempo for her rivals.

### **10. COOL FLYER**

**(b f 3, Not A Single Doubt-Wind Fresca (USA), by Kris S. (USA))**

Made some ground from last for 5<sup>th</sup> behind Iron Lace, Randwick (Kensington) 1800m benchmark 75 on Mar. 16. Not likely to trouble this lot.

### **11. TRIPLE SIX**

**(b or br f 3, Dehere (USA)-Devil's Thumbprint, by Zabeel (NZ))**

Maiden filly, but she has a lot of talent. Good 4<sup>th</sup> behind Brazilian Pulse in the G3 Keith Nolan Classic (1800m, Rosehill) last week when circled the field from last on the bend, and then stuck on solidly, although drifted in, to be beaten 1.9 lengths. That was her first run for 29 days, so she will be vastly improved. Finally gets to a distance where her Zabeel blood will kick in. Look for her running a cheekily good Oaks trial.