

GIMME GETS THE GREEN LIGHT AS FIRST CROP SELLS

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Shareholders and supporters of Gimmethegreenlight are reaping in the returns with broad smiles this year as his first crop set new freshman sire records at the 2015 sales.

With a mouth watering pedigree, the Australian bred stallion is by duel champion sire More Than Ready (USA) and is out of the Canny Lad mare Yes She Can Cancan (AUS) who herself has produced two GR 1 winners. Gimmethegreenlight was trained by Justin Snaith and had an illustrious career on the track with a long list of credentials behind his name, including being the highest rated 3yo in 2012, Winning the Gr Queen's Plate as a 3yo (which hasn't happened in 40 years) and he also beat the mighty Variety Club twice!!



Gimmethegreenlight retired to stud in 2012 and stands at Varsfontein Stud

It's no wonder his first yearlings are selling like hotcakes. Being an extremely handsome horse himself he has passed this on to many of his offspring who reflect his powerful hindquarter and quality head amongst other attributes. The buyers needed no encouragement and the results showed.

CTS Cape Premier Sale

Gimme had a good opening performance being ranked 8th top sire by aggregate at Book I. 14 lots were sold for R4 450 000 at an average of R317 857. His top lot was a filly out of Gr 1 Allan Robertson winner Silver Arc from Hemel 'n Aarde Stud who sold for R900 000 to Mayfair Speculators.

BSA Val De Vie Sale

Gimmethegreenlight was 2nd on the sires log on aggregate at this sale (sharing this position with Judpot). A mere 5 lots were sold for R1 610 000 at an average of R322 000. His top seller (lot 23) consigned by Varsfontein Stud went for R950 000 and was purchased by Denis Drier for Hassen Adams. What made this particular colt special was the proven nick on which he was bred (His dam's full sister Secret Heart has produced a Breeders Cup winner in Pluck who is by More Than Ready. Plus the London News mare, Sally Bowles bred a Gr 1 American Oaks 3rd place with Consumer Credit, a filly by More Than Ready).



Lot 23: Hack Green

CTS March Book II Sale

Once again holding his reputation high, Gimme ranked 4th at Book II. 9 lots were sold for an aggregate of R1 325 000. His average per yearling sold was R147 222.

CTS Select Jhb Sale

Only 3 Gimmethelight progeny were sold here at an average of R250 000 each. The top lot was a filly out of Hill Of Fire from Hemel 'n Aarde Stud who was purchased by Basil Marcus for R400 000.



Lot 92 Unnamed filly out of Hill Of Fire

BSA National Yearling Sale

If he hadn't already done enough Gimmethegreenlight trumped all the previous sales by setting a new Freshman sire record for both top price and for average achieved at the BSA National Sale in April. He ranked 5th on the sire log and was in exceptional company with the likes of Silvano, Dynasty, Var and Western Winter above him. 20 of his progeny sold for an aggregate of R8 095 000 and his average price per yearling was an incredible R404 750 each. His record breaking top lot was consigned by Varsfontein Stud and was purchased by Tony Millard for R1 700 000. The colt is a half brother to Gr 1 winner Forest Indigo.



Lot 31 Carbon Offset

With the Two Year Old and Ready-To-Run sales yet to come, it seems a logical deduction that Gimme's high flying sales should be set to continue in 2015!