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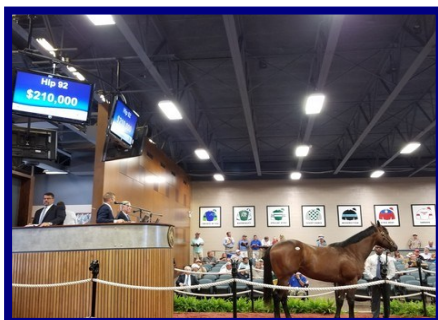


## Friesan Fire and Super Ninety Nine: The Only Mid-Atlantic Sires To Sire "Six-Figure" 2-Year-Olds at Fasig-Tipton May Sale

The commercial market separates the men from the boys in the stallion ranks. Country Life Farm's two beautifully-bred sires Friesan Fire (by A.P. Indy) and Super Ninety Nine (by Pulpit) each sired 6-figure juveniles at the May sale.

Hip #92, the only Friesan Fire in the sale, brought a final bid of \$210,000 from agent Gary Young on behalf of Mike Dubb. The bay colt worked in 10.2.

First crop sire Super Ninety Nine had 5 horses go through the ring, with 4 selling for an average of \$51,250. The highlight was Hip #555, who sold for \$100,000 to Chuck Zacney. The handsome bay colt was the last foal born at Country Life in 2016, and despite his late foaling date, drew raves on his mature appearance.



Left: Hip 92, by  
Friesan Fire, brings  
\$210,000



Right: Hip 555, by  
Super Ninety Nine,  
brings \$100,000

## Racing Partnership filly Monte Crista Unbeaten on Turf



Partnership filly Monte Crista scores another easy victory on the turf. (Ellen Pons photo)

Every racehorse owner dreams of success, at any level. Just 24 hours after blaze-faced chestnut 3-year-old Justify swept the Triple Crown, the Country Life Racing Partnership team was thrilled when our Justify look-alike Monte Crista, also a beautiful chestnut 3-year-old with a wide-blazed face, swept to her second dominant win in a row.

Coming off a Laurel maiden score in April, she shipped to Monmouth Park on June 10. She won by almost two lengths. In two grass races, Monte Crista has banked \$58,000. Monte Crista was purchased for \$30,000 by Country Life at the Fasig-Tipton Preakness Sale in 2017. Her half-brother Just Howard was 2017 Maryland-Bred Horse-of-the-Year.

# Divining Rod Turns 100 (...mares)

When the Divining Rod syndicate of Roy and Gretchen Jackson, Antony Beck's Gainesway Farm, and Josh and Mike Pons' Country Life Farm mapped out first-season expectations for their Freshman Sire Divining Rod, a book of 100 mares was the goal. The beautifully balanced, Gr. 1-performer by America's Leading Commercial sire Tapit, out of \$2-million-earner Precious Kitten (3/4-sister to Kitten's Joy), Divining Rod covered his 100th mare in mid-June.

What a great first-book of mares are in foal to him. Gainesway bought 10 mares and shipped all of them from Kentucky to Maryland to breed to him. Ken Ramsey's Ramsey Farm, of Kitten's Joy fame, sent 5 mares from Kentucky. Country Life bred more than 25 mares, and the Jackson's sent three excellent mares, including \$250,000 stakes winner Exaggerated. New Jersey breeder Bo Smith has Our Fantene, the dam of Gr. 3-winner Javerre in foal to Divining Rod; Bill Bayne's \$250,000 Stakes Winner Blisstikus and In Dad's Wallet; Dr. Tom Bowman's stakes producer Manhattan Madam; Bowman and Milton Higgins' \$187,000 earner Wild for Love; Fitzhugh LLC's \$380,000 SW Sticky; Herringswell Stables' \$300,000 SW Miss Lombardi; Chip Reed's and Ken Holt's \$450,000 SW Monster Sleeping; Candyland Farm's SW Five Star Dream; Luisita Cuprill's graded stakes-placed Dancerina; Mark Reid/Walnut Green LLC's stakes-placed Calamity Girl and It's My Turn; Randy Ridgely's stakes-placed E Dubai's Humor; Susan Wantz' stakes-placed Easter Fashion; Cordelia Stables' stakes-producer Ok to Love; Chanceland Farm's Split Tally; Helen Alexander's Lovely Moon; Michael Moran's Ivy Mills; Betsy Barr's Ventania; Caroline Stautberg's Capstone Lady; Tom McDermott's Chamberlin Road; Franklin Smith's Cursive; Greg & Caroline Bentley's Giant Shadow; Charles Parker's mares Glackety and Martini; St. Augustine Manor LLC's Group Therapy and Stone Silence; Sallyellen & Hugh Hurst's Happy Refrain; Jennifer Lunceford's Jamestown Romance; Dr. Rick Lewis' Oaks Victoria; Shirley Lojeski's Ovidienne; Ken Lowe's Reappearance; Robert Komlo's Stormy Mistress; Armand Delaperriere's Sunshine Included; Tolly & Wendy Albert's Sweet N Promising; and Pat Gallagher's Unbridled Patricia are just some of the other mares pronounced in foal to Divining Rod in his first year at stud.

## Country Living

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# Maryland-Breds of May 2018



Freedom Child—Beau's Trip filly, 5/1.  
Owned by Glennie Martin.



Mosler—Lady Krista filly, 5/2.  
Owned by Glennie Martin.



Mosler—Union Waters colt, 5/2.  
Owned by CLF & Union Waters LLC.



Super Ninety Nine—Seven Days filly,  
5/4. Owned by William Campbell.



Kitten's Joy—Queen Nine filly, 5/5.  
Owned by Ken & Sarah Ramsey.



Mosler—Oaks Victoria filly, 5/6.  
Owned by Dr. Rick Lewis.



Mosler—My Little Monkey filly, 5/7.  
Owned by Tom & Mary Lou Teal.



Liam's Map—Apple Pie Baby filly,  
5/7. Owned by Candyland Farm.



Bourbon Courage—Kohanya filly, 5/9.  
Owned by Jim Dresher/Glenangus Farm



Mosler—Sassy Molly colt, 5/9. Owned  
by CLF & Sassy Molly LLC.



Super Ninety Nine—Lady Artemis filly,  
5/10. Owned by Charles Parker.



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foal!**

**48 fillies—42 colts**