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Two of the stars of the 2010 racing year have been retired to stud. Starspangledbanner, one of Europe's top sprinters, will stand at Coolmore Stud next year, whilst the 2010 Kentucky Derby winner, Super Saver, has also been retired. He will stand at the home of his birth, Win Star Stud. Starspangledbanner will join his grandsire Danehill Dancer at Coolmore for the 2011 breeding season. One of the top colts of his generation in both Australia and the UK, the big, handsome Starspangledbanner won Group One races from 1200 -1600 meters. His seven career victories include the July Cup (Gp1), Golden Jubilee Stakes (Gp1), Oakleigh Plate and Caulfield Guineas (Gp1). His final start saw him finish a close fifth in the Gp1 Haydock Park Sprint Cup. Six of his victories came in stakes events. Remarkably, Starspangledbanner's sire, grandsire and great grandsire all stood at Coolmore. His sire, Choisir, was a top sprinter himself, who reeled off the double of the King's Stand Stakes and Golden Jubilee Stakes at the same Royal Ascot meeting. Starspangledbanner is from the same family as international Gp1 winners Haradasrun (who also stands at Coolmore) and Elvstroem (winner of the Dubai Duty Free Stakes). Super Saver, who showed top-class form at two, won just one race this year. His victory in the Kentucky Derby came over the likes of multiple Gr1 winner Sidney's Candy, top turf horse Paddy's O Prado, classic winner Devil May Care and likely champion 3yo colt Lookin At Lucky.

He ended his career with an unplaced finish in the Gr1 Travers Stakes. He won three of his 10 starts, including the Gr2 Kentucky Jockey Club Stakes at two. One of two Kentucky Derby winners sired by former champion 2yo colt Maria's Mon, Super Saver's dam, Supercharger, is a full sister to the dam of Bluegrass Cat, a Gr1 winner and one of the leading first crop sires this year. Also the family of promising South African 3yo Kavanagh, Super Saver is a descendant of La Troienne – as are such leading sires as Private Account, Buckpasser, Woodman and Caerleon.

Starspangledbanner Super Saver