

TIGER RIDGE FLYING HIGH

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TIGER RIDGE FLYING HIGH The superbly bred Tiger Ridge is enjoying a good spell. He recently recorded his 24 individual stakes winner (a tally which places him above many of this country's leading sires), when his smart 3yo, Wagner, won the Listed Secretariat Stakes. Yet another classy 3yo representing the stallion is Royal Ridge. Group placed on debut (behind champion Delago Deluxe), Royal Ridge recently scored an eye catching 11.75 length win, stamping himself as a horse to watch. Tiger Ridge's daughter, Follow The Piper (conqueror of the brilliant Gibraltar Blue) recently reeled off her fourth consecutive win. Tiger Ridge is recording an impressive 5% stakes winners to foals – a statistic which is well above the average. His average of 5% outperforms or equals stallions such as Bernardini, Afleet Alex, Acclamation, Elusive Quality and Cape Cross. These are some of the world's top and most sought after sires, and says a great deal for the quality of horse that Tiger is breeding that his stats are on a par with such legends. Tiger's first South African crop produced no less than nine stakes horses, including the top-class Kavanagh, as well as the likes of Burmese Cat, Follow The Piper and Ilha Grande. His second crop, still young 3yos, include four stakes horses, including the smart filly Amur Affair and recent winner Final Button. Overseas, Tiger is responsible for the likes of millionaire Leah's Secret, Royal Ascot winner Strike The Tiger, champion Gallant Ruler and high-class Bashert. He continues to prove popular in the sales ring, with his 35 yearlings sold grossing over R9.3 million last year. A son of champion sire Storm Cat, Tiger Ridge is a half-brother to the magnificent sire, A P Indy. He stands at Wilgerbosdrift.