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**Sharkbite to Stand at Byerley**

Hunter Valley based Byerley Stud are pleased to announce a new addition to the farm for 2009 in the shape of former boom two year-old and smart stakes-winner Sharkbite, a son of 2009 champion sire Redoute's Choice from arguably the best female family in the world.



showed untapped ability as a two year-old, when he was unde

"He's one of only two stakes-winning sons of Redoute's Choice to be retiring to stud in the Hunter Valley this spring and will be receiving considerable support from his shareholders Jonathan Munz and Debbie and Joe Throsby," said Martin Hawcroft, owner of Byerley Stud.

Of course, the Throsbys have already enjoyed incredible stallion success as the initial major shareholders of Australia's current leading sire Encosta de Lago, who started his stud career in Victoria at a fee of \$8,500.

A \$900,000 purchase from the 2005 Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale for Dean Hawthorne Bloodstock on behalf of Jonathan Munz's Pinecliff Racing Syndicate, Sharkbite was a magnificent yearling that

Despite being troubled by persistent shin-soreness, the talented colt won his first two starts in brilliant fashion for Rodney Douglas as a late two year-old, before finishing second to champion three year-old Haradasun in the Listed MRC Vain Stakes over 1100 metres as a three year-old at just his third start in a race.



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Placed twice more in Group Three company during the spring including a third to the Caulfield Guineas hero Wonderful World, Sharkbite was considered a colt of genuine Group One potential and as such was transferred to the stables of David Hayes.

Sadly, Sharkbite failed to find form for his new trainer in the autumn after suffering a back injury and was subsequently returned to Rodney Douglas with happy results all round.

Sharkbite won three of his next five starts for Douglas including a sizzling win over the straight 1200 metres at Flemington on Cup Day and a powerful victory in the Listed MRC Lord Stakes over 1700 metres at Caulfield and retires with the record of five wins and five placings from 23 starts with prizemoney of \$292,000.

Sharkbite has a sensational stallion pedigree being from the Juddmonte Farms bred mare Back Pass (USA), a half-sister by Quest for Fame to Group Two winner Three Valleys from the family of freakishly good producer Hasili.

For those unfamiliar with Hasili, she is the Northern Hemisphere version of Eight Carat (GB) as the dam of an amazing five Group One winners in Banks Hill, Intercontinental, Heat Haze, Cacique and Champs Elysees, while her Group Two winning son Dansilli is one of the best stallions in Europe.

The service fee for Sharkbite is to be announced next week.



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