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After five seasons at Taylor Made Stallions in Kentucky, Midnight Storm is standing the 2023 season at Milky Way Farm

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MILKY WAY FARM SEES POTENTIAL IN CALIFORNIA FOR MIDNIGHT STORM

By TRACY GANTZ

LINDA MADSEN CONSTANTLY LOOKS FOR stallions with bloodlines she thinks will do well in California and stands them at her Milky Way Farm in Temecula. But she never thought she'd be able to attract a horse such as Midnight Storm.

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2022 LEADING SIRES IN CALIFORNIA

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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2022 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstret SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	Cumulative				
							2022 Earnings	Foals	BT SWs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Stay Thirsty (08, Bernardini), Lovacres Ranch	\$15,000	183/93	2/4	0/2	(Mind Control, \$772,605)	\$5,037,108	*657	17	1.18	1.28
2	Grazen (06, Benchmark), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	\$6,000	103/61	7/9	5/7	(Connie Swingle, \$323,564)	\$4,407,454	279	17	1.46	1.06
3	I'll Have Another (09, Flower Alley), Ocean Breeze Ranch	\$10,000	181/97	1/2	0/1	(Win Marvel, \$608,428)	\$3,774,072	435	4	1.03	1.07
4	Smiling Tiger (07, Hold That Tiger), Harris Farms	\$7,500	113/53	1/1	0/1	(Taming the Tigress, \$186,412)	\$2,828,678	337	9	0.97	0.97
5	Mr. Big (03, Dynaformer), Legacy Ranch	\$7,500	85/47	5/5	5/5	(The Big Wam, \$167,160)	\$2,805,369	181	9	1.25	0.92
6	Clubhouse Ride (08, Candy Ride), Legacy Ranch	\$7,500	68/45	3/7	2/3	(Brickyard Ride, \$274,000)	\$2,760,897	121	5	1.39	0.93
7	Midnight Storm (11, Pioneerof the Nile), Milky Way Farm	\$4,000	84/39	1/1	0/1	(Great Escape, \$194,476)	\$2,263,864	122	2	0.92	1.20
8	Square Eddie (06, Smart Strike)	Pnsd	88/36	1/2	1/1	(Self Isolation, \$283,190)	\$2,253,829	284	19	1.39	1.12
9	Vronsky (99, Danzig)	Died	79/50	2/4	1/2	(Doc Adams, \$190,680)	\$2,172,370	350	13	1.18	1.02
10	Jack Milton (10, War Front), Gray Farms	\$5,000	78/40	1/1	0/1	(Bad Beat Brian, \$194,700)	\$1,993,671	149	3	0.98	1.11
11	Graydar (09, Unbridled's Song), Milky Way Farm	\$4,000	81/45	0/0	0/0	(Erzulie, \$141,174)	\$1,852,883	*317	7	0.90	1.31
12	Danzing Candy (13, Twirling Candy), Rancho San Miguel	\$5,000	61/25	1/2	1/1	(Giver Not a Taker, \$214,750)	\$1,602,138	127	1	0.86	1.04
13	Acclamation (06, Unusual Heat), Harris Farms	\$4,000	60/30	2/2	0/2	(Burnin Turf, \$163,380)	\$1,531,991	205	5	0.98	1.15
14	Sir Prancealot (IRE) (10, Tamayuz), Rancho San Miguel	\$10,000	71/38	2/2	0/2	(Sir Busker, \$427,973)	\$1,389,980	*381	11	1.19	0.92
15	Stanford (12, Malibu Moon), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	70/33	0/0	0/0	(Opening Buzz, \$105,961)	\$1,387,830	114	0	0.69	0.94
16	Ministers Wild Cat (00, Deputy Minister)	Pnsd	58/34	0/0	0/0	(Minister of Soul, \$122,952)	\$1,279,054	533	21	0.92	0.87
17	Curlin to Mischief (11, Curlin)	Pnsd	52/25	1/1	0/1	(See Through It, \$82,654)	\$1,251,501	123	3	0.77	0.84
18	Jersey Town (06, Speightstown), Daehling Ranch	\$3,000	60/34	1/2	0/1	(Regal Riot, \$131,984)	\$1,192,570	*222	7	1.00	1.03
19	Misremembered (06, Candy Ride), Barton Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	46/26	2/2	1/2	(I Recall, \$183,750)	\$1,066,522	186	8	0.93	1.08
20	Straight Fire (14, Dominus), Legacy Ranch	\$7,500	30/19	3/3	2/3	(Smuggler's Run, \$212,540)	\$1,065,725	45	3	1.15	1.47
21	Tamarando (11, Bertrando), Harris Farms	\$2,500	21/11	3/4	1/3	(Passarando, \$218,830)	\$870,132	43	3	0.80	1.27
22	Tom's Tribute (10, Lion Heart), Rancho San Miguel	\$2,500	36/19	1/1	0/1	(Tom's Regret, \$161,105)	\$810,647	79	1	0.61	0.82
23	Richard's Kid (05, Lemon Drop Kid), Rancho San Miguel	\$2,500	40/17	0/0	0/0	(Lil Richards Bello, \$102,580)	\$796,194	110	0	0.93	0.90
24	Dads Caps (10, Discreet Cat), Barton Thoroughbreds	\$10,000	35/18	0/0	0/0	(Dulce Emma, \$107,656)	\$733,845	52	0	0.63	0.86
25	Majestic Harbor (08, Rockport Harbor)	Died, 2022	23/12	0/0	0/0	(Wire the Cash, \$100,455)	\$723,105	37	1	1.27	0.83
26	Idiot Proof (04, Benchmark), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	\$3,000	30/15	0/0	0/0	(She's Bulletproof, \$118,280)	\$693,871	137	2	1.01	0.90
27	Rousing Sermon (09, Lucky Pulpit), BG Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,500	26/14	0/0	0/0	(Always Seeking, \$86,268)	\$623,669	54	0	0.64	1.08
28	Empire Way (09, Empire Maker), Heinz & Michelle Steinmann Farms	\$2,500	35/19	0/0	0/0	(Empire's Fire, \$70,680)	\$602,973	161	2	0.59	0.91
29	Northern Causeway (08, Giant's Causeway), Rancho San Miguel	\$2,500	48/22	0/0	0/0	(Northern Gem, \$59,500)	\$577,099	116	0	0.39	0.84
30	Southern Image (00, Halo's Image), Gray's Farm	\$1,500	22/16	0/0	0/0	(Desert Dude, \$69,710)	\$561,927	*536	8	1.01	1.09
31	Champ Pegasus (06, Fusaichi Pegasus)	N/A	50/20	0/0	0/0	(Nickel Nickel Nine, \$47,320)	\$506,037	218	0	0.35	0.97

* includes Southern Hemisphere foals

“We’re trying to bring in a new good stud every year,” Madsen said. “We try to bring in a different kind of pedigree because not everyone likes the same kind of horse. It gives us a nice variety.”

For the 2020 breeding season, Madsen had imported Graydar, a grade 1-winning son of Unbridled's Song, to California from Taylor Made Stallions in Kentucky after he was already siring winners. That proved so popular—Graydar still stands at Milky Way—that she was able to do the same thing for 2023 with Midnight Storm, who also had stood at Taylor Made.

In a way, Midnight Storm was returning home by standing at Milky Way. He spent his entire racing career in California and descends from roots in the Golden State. Alex Venneri and Marjorie Post Dye bred the son of Pioneerof the Nile in



Milky Way Farm owner Linda Madsen and farm manager Johnny Alvira

Kentucky from their California-bred mare My Tina, a daughter of Cal-bred champion Bertrando.

Midnight Storm began racing in 2014 for Venneri and Dye, and

for most of his career Phil D'Amato trained him. Little Red Feather joined in owning the colt after he won the 2014 Del Mar Derby (G2T). Dye passed away in 2015, and for Venneri and Little Red Feather, Midnight Storm went on to score in such races as the 2016 Shoemaker Mile (G1T). He also finished third in that year's Breeders' Cup Mile (G1T), ultimately earning \$1,783,110 in his career.

With two crops to race, Midnight Storm has already gotten such runners as Great Escape, who won the 2022 Canadian Derby (G3) at Century Mile. In that race, Great Escape set a track record of 2:01.35 for 1¼ miles, and he

has placed in three other stakes. Midnight Storm joins the other stallions at the Milky Way property where Madsen's family has raised horses since 1967. Her parents, Leland and

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Esther May Mekeel, initially raised champion Arabians on the farm, and Madsen grew up showing the family horses. Madsen's late husband, Larry Seeman, was the veterinarian for many Thoroughbred farms in the area during the 1980s. While Madsen has also successfully shown cattle and still breeds and raises Guernsey calves, she now concentrates on Thoroughbred breeding.

In keeping the busy farm going today Madsen credits a top-notch staff. Milky Way farm manager Johnny Alvira plays a crucial role in every facet of the operation. Many of Alvira's family members also work at Milky Way.

"He's so important on the ranch," Madsen said. "He's just a wonderful guy. His grandfather works here—he's our night man. Johnny basically grew up here. He's been so involved with the farm. I'm just the luckiest person in the world to have him."

Relatively new to Milky Way is Dr. Celeste Martin, who handles the veterinary work. Martin is in the process of establishing an office at the farm. She is from California, but spent time in Kentucky that included an internship at Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital.

Bloodstock agent Gayle Van Leer for many years has helped Madsen acquire mares and continues in that role. Madsen and her friend Joy Seifert partner on the mares and own about 50, having purchased many of them in Kentucky. Madsen said they have 10 by Giant's Causeway and six by Medaglia d'Oro.

Hollywood Queen is one of the Giant's Causeway mares Van Leer bought for them. The mare cost \$35,000 at the 2016 Keeneland January horses of all ages sale. Hollywood Queen's half brother, Roy H, won back-to-back editions of the Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1) in 2017-18 and twice earned an Eclipse Award as champion male sprinter. Hollywood Queen's runners include She's a Joker, a 2019



Midnight Storm earned a grade 1 win on the turf in the 2016 Shoemaker Mile Stakes at Santa Anita Park (above) but also captured multiple graded stakes wins on dirt, including the 2017 San Pasqual Stakes (below)



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1	Boos (07, Ghostzapper)	N/A	15/8	0/0	0/0	(Beyond Awesome, \$65,201)	\$190,443	39	2	0.47	0.33
2	Miraculous Hand (03, Marquetry)	N/A	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Tw Skipping Stones, \$46,173)	\$46,173	18	0	0.23	0.29
3	Heir Joe (07, Wildcat Heir)	N/A	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Prince Ali, \$12,705)	\$14,230	5	0	0.18	0.35

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1	Harbor the Gold (01, Seeking the Gold)	Died, 2021	63/32	3/4	0/3	(Papa's Golden Boy, \$101,900)	\$1,103,301	447	27	0.59	0.69
2	Sixthirteen (04, Dixie Union), Bar C Racing Stables	\$1,000	14/9	0/0	0/0	(Classic Leah, \$33,975)	\$179,835	72	0	0.30	0.56
3	Dynamic Impact (11, Tiznow), Bar C Racing Stables	\$1,500	5/2	1/1	0/1	(Miss Dynamic, \$53,575)	\$116,395	13	1	0.66	1.03
4	Giacomo (02, Holy Bull)	N/A	13/5	0/0	0/0	(General Thayer, \$22,298)	\$92,821	*389	10	0.93	1.02
5	Understatement (05, Distorted Humor)	N/A	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Lafonda, \$18,836)	\$42,484	58	0	0.36	0.46
6	Slew's Saga (02, Seattle Slew)	N/A	2/2	0/0	0/0	(Omaha Rutsch, \$17,410)	\$31,200	38	1	0.29	0.65
7	Grindstone (93, Unbridled)	Died, 2022	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Stonus Maximus, \$20,658)	\$30,936	*654	17	0.92	1.38
8	Coastal Storm (99, Storm Cat)	N/A	8/3	0/0	0/0	(Mr Memphis, \$8,150)	\$28,945	175	3	0.91	0.78
9	Why Not Be Perfect (07, Whywhywhy), Keizer Equestrian Center	\$750	5/0	0/0	0/0	(Zee Carrot Eagle, \$9,510)	\$15,373	21	0	0.09	0.39
10	Outlash (12, Unbridled's Song), Bar C Racing Stables	Private	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Tudie Lu, \$1,503)	\$1,503	5	0	0.05	0.84
11	Al Faatik (09, Invador), Windfall Farms	\$1,000	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Twenty Two Deal, \$300)	\$300	4	0	0.01	0.00
12	Man of Faith (06, Essence of Dubai)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Light of Faith, \$240)	\$240	2	0	0.01	0.00

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Cal-bred daughter of Practical Joke who in 2022 earned \$112,772.

In recent years, Milky Way has started acting as agent in selling horses, both for the farm and for some clients. Madsen and Alvira have incorporated that end of the business into improvements Madsen has made to Milky Way.

"We took our long barn and made a big walking area like they have in Kentucky," Madsen said. "They prepare the yearlings in that barn in the summer. Johnny runs the agency, and we've done really well with it. We sold some for George Krikorian this past year."

They also built a showing area for the stallions, updated the foaling barn, and refurbished two barns that previously had been leased to an Arabian trainer. Madsen and Alvira need all of the facilities on the 100-acre farm these days because of the volume of business. Madsen said they bred 220 mares in 2022 and foaled 130 babies.

Madsen and Seifert market almost everything they breed from their broodmare band. Occasionally, they will keep a daughter to continue a bloodline.

Milky Way is located near several other horse farms. The California Ranch Company, which offers many

Western equine activities, is virtually next door, while San Luis Rey Downs and Galway Downs are nearby. Madsen is active in the local equine community, having served as an officer on the board of the California Farm Managers Association.

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—LINDA MADSEN ON MILKY WAY FARM'S GOAL TO BRING IN A NEW STALLION EACH YEAR

Madsen has partnered with the farm managers and the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association to host stallion tours. Such tours often start and end at Milky Way, with participants taking a provided bus to other area Thoroughbred farms.

"I love the California-bred program," Madsen said. "I am a really big supporter. Nobody works harder than the people at the CTBA, and those people don't always get the credit they deserve."

Madsen has welcomed racing fans to the farm as well. She said she has received regular visits from a group of people who particularly love Graydar and Midnight Storm. The fan club began when Graydar was racing and extended to his time at Taylor Made.

"They fly out here from all over the United States, especially when the Breeders' Cup is in California," Madsen said. "When we got Midnight Storm, some of them made a special trip out to see him. They've got Graydar T-shirts and send the horses Mrs. Pastures Cookies for Christmas."

Even though most of the Milky Way stallions don't have their own fan club, Madsen loves them all, especially Sundarban, a 2006 son of A.P. Indy and one of her first stallions.

She holds to her principle of diverse pedigrees, even importing a couple of stallions, with Seifert, from South America. Chilean-bred Dosificado is by Scat Daddy, and French champion Passion for Gold is by Medaglia d'Oro.

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GRAYDAR GR1 FEE: \$4000

UNBRIDLED'S SONG - SWEETEST SMILE, by DEHERE

Gr1 Winner of \$841,560. Won 5 of 6 Races.

Leading California Sixth Crop Sire by lifetime earnings of \$14,538,444 and winners 175.

Sire of 7 black type winners, 18 black type horses.



MIDNIGHT STORM GR1 FEE: \$4000

PIONEER OF THE NILE - MY TINA, by BERTRANDO

Gr1 Winner of \$1,783,110.

Leading California Second Crop Sire, by lifetime earnings of \$2,808,870 and winners 42.



PASSION FOR GOLD GR1 FEE: \$3500

MEDAGLIA D'ORO - C'EST L'AMOUR (G2), by THUNDER GULCH

Champion 2-yr-old in France & Winner of Gr1 Critérium de Saint-Cloud. California Leading Sixth Crop Sire lifetime by average earnings per starter \$61,299. After 5 Seasons in Chile with Graded Stakes Winners in Chile and Peru returned to California. Sire of GOLD COUNCIL, first to race, from first California crop, wins first start at Santa Anita MSW.



New To California for 2023

TIZAMAGICIAN GR2 FEE: to be announced

TIZNOW - MAGIC UNION, by DIXIE UNION

Earned \$741,851 with major accomplishments winning the Cougar II (Gr3) at Del Mar and Tokyo City Cup (Gr2) and in the TVG Pacific Classic (Gr1), 2nd in the Brooklyn Stakes (Gr2) at Belmont and 2nd in the San Pasqual Stakes (Gr2) at Santa Anita.

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1	Conveyance (07, Indian Charlie), Blue Ribbon Farm	\$3,000	38/23	3/3	1/3	(Nobody Listens, \$191,368)	\$1,148,238	93	5	1.07	1.16
2	Coast Guard (05, Stormy Atlantic), El Dorado Farms	\$2,000	40/24	1/1	0/1	(Zippin Sevens, \$62,813)	\$709,344	119	7	0.51	0.53
3	Gallant Son (06, Malabar Gold)	N/A	21/16	0/0	0/0	(Fast Buck, \$156,324)	\$689,410	34	0	0.77	0.66
4	Abraaj (03, Carson City)	Died, 2019	44/25	1/1	1/1	(Chuckanut Bay, \$60,300)	\$559,151	135	9	0.52	0.63
5	War Power (06, Pulpit), Frances Long	Private	9/5	0/0	0/0	(Pistol Power, \$37,652)	\$126,436	36	1	0.36	0.41
6	Nationhood (02, Cherokee Run)	Died, 2020	13/5	0/0	0/0	(Mojave, \$22,182)	\$108,626	86	3	0.43	0.63
7	Gold Aly (06, Medaglia d'Oro)	N/A	7/6	0/0	0/0	(Terry's Boy, \$23,570)	\$104,805	21	0	0.39	0.52
8	Parker's Storm Cat (00, Storm Cat)	N/A	9/5	0/0	0/0	(Cats Touch, \$43,703)	\$101,301	*335	4	0.79	0.98
9	¶ Gold Rush Dancer (13, Private Gold), Blue Ribbon Farm	\$1,500	9/4	1/1	1/1	(Annette Marie, \$40,862)	\$97,085	16	1	0.36	0.41
10	Private Gold (00, Seeking the Gold), El Dorado Farms	\$1,500	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Boss Like Beth, \$71,886)	\$78,708	196	4	0.47	0.55
11	Houseofroyalhearts (02, Chester House)	N/A	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Aliceshouseofheart, \$19,639)	\$49,168	31	0	0.42	0.42
12	Python (10, Empire Maker)	N/A	5/3	0/0	0/0	(Suddenly Misty, \$22,475)	\$43,968	13	0	0.37	0.30
13	Raise the Bluff (03, Pine Bluff)	N/A	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Cody's Choice, \$28,766)	\$40,952	102	1	0.51	0.47
14	Raised a Secret (10, Songandaprayer), El Dorado Farms	\$1,500	8/3	0/0	0/0	(Danielle's Secret, \$14,220)	\$37,674	15	0	0.13	0.59
15	Running Tap (08, Tapit)	N/A	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Reddish, \$23,735)	\$31,872	21	0	0.16	0.42
16	Rallying Cry (04, War Chant)	N/A	6/1	0/0	0/0	(Wheel Rally, \$14,600)	\$30,568	52	0	0.25	0.51
17	Trickey Trevor (99, Demaloot Demashoot)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Iknowyourface, \$16,923)	\$18,055	79	0	0.28	0.45
18	Primal Instinct (11, Giant's Causeway)	N/A	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Timberlake Gage, \$15,590)	\$15,590	6	0	0.52	0.35
19	Mr. Rancho Vista (05, Northern Afleet)	N/A	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Madigan Squeeze, \$14,965)	\$14,965	6	0	0.30	0.19
20	Preachinathebar (01, Silver Charm)	N/A	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Distortedatthebar, \$11,267)	\$13,471	113	0	0.35	0.52
21	Gotham City (98, Saint Ballado)	Died, 2019	3/0	0/0	0/0	(Gotham Desire, \$6,020)	\$10,504	191	0	0.68	0.79
22	Mystic Wood (04, Forest Wildcat)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Mystic Wood Force, \$3,682)	\$3,682	14	0	0.14	0.28
23	Entrapment (04, Gone West)	N/A	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Rebel Roar, \$3,336)	\$3,336	17	0	0.14	0.41
24	Demon Warlock (00, Demons Begone), Roche Farm	\$1,500	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Dance Fighter, \$2,500)	\$2,500	54	4	0.57	0.61

* includes Southern Hemisphere foals

Way is by a different sire line. Midnight Storm is joining a roster that also includes: Balance the Books, by Lemon Drop Kid; Box Score, by Dynaformer; Circumference, by Galileo; Heaven's Glory, by Tapit; Hoorayforhollywood, by Storm Cat; Moquest, by Uncle Mo; Richmond Street, by Street Cry;

Sawyer's Hill, by Spring At Last; Smart Bid, by Smart Strike; Winning Cause, by Giant's Causeway; and Win the Space, by Pulpit.

Madsen and Alvira offer a wide range of services for California breeders. Madsen works with her clients on everything from breeding decisions to

foal registrations. She said that Midnight Storm is already attracting new interest.

"It's amazing the number of people who have come to see him," Madsen said. "He's really pretty, and we are so excited to have him. It just worked out—one of those miracles." **BH**



Milky Way Farm is situated on 100 acres near Temecula, Calif.

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