

CALIFORNIA CHROME

A Horse of the Year and Champion Three-Year-Old, California Chrome is from the male-line of sire of sires Pulpit, and from the female line that has produce major sires Arch and Green Desert. His dam is inbred to a three-quarters sister and brother out of Champion Numbered Account, an outstanding runner and producer who is herself closely inbred to the family of La Troienne, the most important mare imported into the U.S. in the 20th century. Like two-time Champion Sire Tapit, California Chrome is a product of the Pulpit/Mr. Prospector cross, and he's also bred on very similar lines to the dam of Super Saver.

The Pulpit/Deputy Minister cross has produced such as grade one winners Tapizar and Frosted, and California's Chrome's sire has stakes winners out of mares by Deputy Minister sons **Awesome Again** (sire of **Ghostzapper**) and **Dehere** (whose son, **Graeme Hall** is also broodmare sire of a Pulpit line graded winner), and the Pulpit line has also worked over **Deputy Minister** through **Silver Deputy** and **Touch Gold** (who should be a particularly good fit).

Deputy Minister is a son of **Northern Dancer**, and the **Storm Cat** branch of that line has enjoyed exceptional success under Pulpit, with six grade one scorers. The cross has produced stakes winners out of mares by **Forestry** (whose son, **Discreet Cat**, would be very interesting); **Giant's Causeway** and his brother, **Freud**; **Tale of the Cat** (who gives inbreeding to Pulpit's family), **Tabasco Cat** (broodmare sire of two Pulpit line grade one winners), **Hennessy** (broodmare sire of two Pulpit line grade one winners, and sire of **Johannesburg**, who gives inbreeding to the family of Pulpit); **Harlan's Holiday**, **Menifee**, and their sire **Harlan**; **Forest Wildcat**; **Sir Cat** (who is very clever here); and **Catienus**. It would also be interesting to introduce **Storm Cat** through **Stormy Atlantic** and **Stomin Fever**, who both give inbreeding to **Seattle Slew**, who is also in California Chrome's male-line; **Bernstein**, who is a brother to the dam of Pulpit line grade one winner, Sky Mesa; **Bluegrass Cat** (who appears very clever); **Easing Along**; **Pure Prize**; and **Yankee Gentleman**.

Out of mares from the **Danzig** branch of **Northern Dancer**, Pulpit and his sons have developed a strong affinity for mares by **Belong to Me**. There are also Pulpit line stakes winners out of mares by **Boundary** and **Danzig Connection** (who might fit well here), and **War Front**, who has crossed very well over Pulpit mares, is also worth considering. **Green Desert** is less commonly found in North America, but could work well.

From daughters of the **Sadler's Wells** horse, **El Prado**, there are two stakes winners, including grade one winner Laragh. This would suggest trying mares by **El Prado** sons **Medaglia d'Oro**, **Kitten's Joy** and **Artie Schiller**.

Wild Again is by **Icecapade** - a three-quarters relative to **Northern Dancer** - and there are eight stakes winners, three grade one, on cross of Pulpit line stallions over **Wild Again** line mares. Sources of **Wild Again** include **Wild Rush**, **Offlee Wild** (giving inbreeding to **Seattle Slew**), **Milwaukee Brew** and **Whiskey Wisdom**.

Pulpit is out of a mare by **Mr. Prospector**, but he, his sons and grandsons have already sired at least 35 graded stakes winners when crossed back over **Mr. Prospector** line mares. California Chrome's sire is from the immediate family of **Unbridled's Song**, and there have been three graded stakes winners on a Pulpit/Unbridled's Song cross. Unbridled's Song is by **Unbridled** - broodmare sire of Pulpit's son, Tapit - from the **Fappiano** branch of the **Mr. Prospector** line. Sons of **Unbridled's Song** include **First Defence** (giving inbreeding to **Seattle Slew**), **Rockport Harbor**, **Dunkirk** (giving inbreeding to A.P. Indy), **Half Ours** (sire of stakes winner out of Pulpit mare), **Old Fashioned** and

Zensational. It is also possible to bring in **Unbridled** through **Empire Maker** and **Broken Vow**. Other branches of **Fappiano** that have found success under under Pulpit line stallions include **Quiet American** (grandsire of **Midnight Lute**); **Cryptoclearance** - broodmare sire of a Pulpit line grade one winner - and his son, **Victory Gallop**, which suggests trying daughters of **Candy Ride**; and **Rubiano**.

Other branches of **Mr. Prospector** to enjoy success under Pulpit are **Carson City**, **Forty Niner**, **Gone West**, **Seeking the Gold**, **Gulch** (sire of **Thunder Gulch**) and **Smart Strike**. In addition to a trio of stakes winners out of mares by **Carson City** himself, there is also a stakes winner out of a mare by that horse's son, **Boone's Mill**, with other sources including **City Zip**, **Cuvee** (who is from a family that has worked very well under Pulpit), **Five Star Day** and **Good and Tough**. The **Forty Niner** strain has worked under Pulpit through **Distorted Humor** (who is broodmare sire of a Pulpit line grade one winner, and who fits well here), **Editor's Note** (broodmare sire of a Pulpit line grade one winner), **Twining**, **Coronado's Quest**, **Banker's Gold**, and should also work through **Gold Fever**, **Gold Case** (who would be very interesting), **Roar**, **Luhuk** and **Trippi**. Pulpit line has sired stakes winners out of mares descending from **Gone West** through **Grand Slam** (a good fit here), **Mr. Greeley**, and **Elusive Quality** and his son, **Smarty Jones**. The Pulpit cross with **Seeking the Gold** mares has been very strong, and would work well through **Cape Town** (a reverse cross to California Chrome), **Mutakddim** (a reverse cross to California Chrome, and closely relative to California Chrome's broodmare sire) and **Petionville**. **Mr. Prospector** also appeals through **Fusaichi Pegasus** and **Lemon Drop Kid** (another reverse cross to California Chrome).

The cross of Pulpit line stallions over mares from the **Relaunch** branch of **In Reality** has produced stakes winners out mares by **Honour and Glory** and **Bertrando**, and would be particularly interesting here through daughters of **Tiznow**.

The cross of Pulpit and sons with **Roberto** line mares has performed only in line with opportunity, but it could be worth trying California Chrome with mares descending from **Roberto** through **Arch**, who gives inbreeding to **Danzig**, and who is from California Chrome's own female line.

There are also has two stakes winners, one graded, by Pulpit line stallions out of mares by **In Excess** and another out of a mare **Indian Charlie**.