

# STALLION ANALYSIS & SYNOPSIS: MSHAWISH

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on the same cross, so introducing them should be positive. There are also Medaglia d'Oro graded stakes winners out of mares by Mr. Prospector line stallions Machiavellian (sire of Street Cry, and grandsire of Street Sense); Smart Strike (whose son, English Channel, brings in Nureyev); Jade Hunter; and Smoke Glacken; and stakes winners out of mares by Marquetry (sire of Artax); and Crafty Prospector (sire of Robyn Dancer and Prospectors Gamble). In general, most versions of a Mr. Prospector/Northern Dancer cross would be beneficial, although we should note that Medaglia d'Oro and El Prado have tended not to display much affinity for the Fappiano branch of Mr. Prospector.

Medaglia d'Oro is from the male line of Sadler's Wells, and Sadler's Wells's three-quarters brother, **Nureyev**, is to be found in the pedigrees of ten stakes winners by Medaglia d'Oro and his sons, including the grade one winner Gabby's Golden Gal, who is by **Ashkalani**, a son of **Nureyev** stallion, **Soviet Star**. There is also a stakes winner by a son of Medaglia d'Oro out of a mare by **Nureyev** son, **Theatrical**. Other sources of Nureyev, include **Atticus**, **Fasliyev**, **Spinning World**, **Unusual Heat** and **Zilzal**.

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Medaglia d'Oro is sire of grade one winner Coffee Clique out of a mare by **Royal Academy**. Royal Academy is a son of **Nijinsky II**, a branch of **Northern Dancer** that looks promising here, as the dam of Mshawish is inbred to Storm Bird, a horse bred on very similar lines to **Nijinsky II**. Sources of **Nijinsky II** would include **Sword Dance** (who is bred on the same cross as Storm Cat, who is in the dam of Mshawish), **Sky Classic**, **Strawberry Road**, **Shadeed** (by **Alydeed**) and **Seattle Dancer**.

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