

# O'NEILL RACING

## **Unnamed - Shirocco ex Balvenie**



This racey son of Shirocco, is a half-brother to the three-time winner Coeur Serein, who did very well for us, racking up a hat trick of wins before running very credibly at the Cheltenham and Aintree Festivals.

Shirocco is unfortunately no longer but is a sire we have done well with in the past, culminating with Cheltenham Festival victor Minella Rocco who was also second in the Cheltenham Gold Cup the subsequent year. Shirocco is also the sire of the wonder mare, Annie Power, who scored in five Grade 1s alone, including the Champion Hurdle at the Festival.

This gelding heralds from an outstanding back pedigree, including crack bumper horse Crocodiles Rock and our very own Johns Spirit who won the Paddy Power Chase at Cheltenham, amongst other notable horses such as Spirit Leader and Prince of Scars.



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## 1st dam

**BALVENIE (IRE)**: unraced; dam of **a winner** from 1 runner and 3 previous foals;  
Coeur Serein (IRE) (2014 g. by Fame And Glory (GB)): placed twice in N.H. Flat Races at 5 years, 2019; also **3 wins** over hurdles, 2021 and £14,504 and placed twice.  
She also has a 3-y-o colt by Califet (FR) and a 2-y-o filly by Westerner (GB).

## 2nd dam

**WHISKY (IRE)**: unraced; Own sister to **SPIRIT LEADER (IRE)**, dam of 2 runners and 10 foals:

Anie (IRE): unraced; dam of **a winner**:

Boughtbeforelunch (IRE): placed once in a N.H. Flat Race at 4 years; also placed once over hurdles at 5 years and **2 wins** over fences, 2021 and £31,252.

## 3rd dam

**THAT'S THE SPIRIT**: unraced; dam of **2 winners** from 6 runners and 12 foals;

**THATS MY MAN (IRE)**: **6 wins**, £37,791: **winner** of a N.H. Flat Race at 5 years; also **5 wins** over hurdles at 5 years and £34,739 inc. Royal Bond Novice Hurdle, Fairyhouse, **L.** and For Auction Novice Hurdle, Navan, **L.**

**SPIRIT LEADER (IRE)**: **5 wins**, £200,765: **winner** of a N.H. Flat Race 3rd Champion INH Flat Race, Leopardstown, **Gr.1**; also **4 wins** over hurdles inc. Tote Gold Trophy H. Hurdle, Newbury, **Gr.3**, Vincent O'Brien County H. Hurdle, Cheltenham, **Gr.3** and William Hill H. Hurdle, Sandown Park, **L.**, 2nd Bewleys Hotels Festival December Hurdle, Leopardstown, **Gr.1**; dam of **3 winners**:

**PRINCE OF SCARS (IRE)**: **4 wins** over hurdles at 5 years and £90,370 inc. Squared Financial Christmas Hurdle, Leopardstown, **Gr.1** and Proudstown H. Hurdle, Navan, **Gr.3**, 3rd Liverpool Stayers' Hurdle, Aintree, **Gr.1**.

**FOLSOM BLUE (IRE)**: **7 wins**, £229,466: **4 wins** over hurdles inc. Surehaul Mercedes Powerstown Nov Hurdle, Clonmel, **L.**, 2nd M.Purcell Mem.Nov Hurdle, Thurles, **Gr.2** and **3 wins** over fences and £159,181 inc. Grand National Trial H Chase, Punchestown, **Gr.2** and Gd. National Trial H Chase, Punchestown, **Gr.3**, 2nd Ladbrokes Leinster National H. Chase, Naas, **Gr.1**.

That's The Bonus (IRE): unraced; dam of **5 winners** inc.:

**CROCODILES ROCK (IRE)**: **5 wins**, £39,835: **2 wins** in N.H. Flat Races at 4 and 5 years and £15,327 inc. Tote Text Betting Open N.H. Flat Race, Newbury, **Gr.2**, also **winner** over hurdles at 5 years and **2 wins** over fences.

**Fickle Fortune (IRE)**: **winner** of a N.H. Flat Race, 2nd ITBA Fillies EBF Mares INH Flat Race, Navan, **L.**; also placed once over hurdles at 4 years.

Hidden Reserve (IRE): **winner** of a N.H. Flat Race; dam of **HARDLINE (IRE)**: **8 wins**, £220,401: **winner** of a N.H. Flat Race; also **4 wins** over hurdles inc. Paddy Power Johnstown Novice Hurdle, Naas, **Gr.2** and I.N.H. Stallion Owners EBF Novice Hurdle, Punchestown, **L.**, 3rd Royal Bond Novice Hurdle, Fairyhouse, **Gr.1** and Future Champions Nov. Hurdle, Leopardstown, **Gr.1** and **3 wins** over fences inc. Greenmount Novice Chase, Limerick, **Gr.1**.

Gilt Ridden (IRE): unraced; dam of **THE GAME CHANGER (IRE)**: **13 wins**, £273,420: **winner** of a N.H. Flat Race; also **5 wins** over hurdles inc. Racing Post Brandon H. Hurdle, Killarney, **Gr.3**, 3rd Guinness Galway H. Hurdle, Galway, **Gr.1** and **7 wins** over fences inc. EBF Kilbegnet Nov Chase, Roscommon, **Gr.3**, **JOHNS SPIRIT (IRE)**: **7 wins**, £280,608: **winner** of a N.H. Flat Race at 4 years; also **2 wins** over hurdles and **4 wins** over fences and £267,381 inc. Paddy Power Gold Cup H. Chase, Cheltenham, **Gr.3**.