



## Pins Rated NZ's Best for Global Earnings

**Waikato Stud's** 9 time G1 producer **Pins** has been awarded New Zealand's best sire for global earnings, following the completion of the 2010/11 season.

**The Centaine Award** - as it is known, honours the New Zealand-based stallion with the highest earnings worldwide within the Southern Hemisphere racing season.

<b>THE CENTAINE AWARD</b>	
As provided by Arion Pedigrees, 1 August 2011	
STALLION	NZ\$ EARNINGS
<b>Pins</b>	<b>\$ 11,474,405</b>
<b>High Chaparral</b>	\$10,902,699
<b>Zabeel</b>	\$10,362,548
O'Reilly	<b>\$8,759,266</b>
<b>Thorn Park</b>	\$5,929,746
<b>Keeper</b>	\$4,909,012
Savabeel	<b>\$4,587,387</b>
<b>Montjeu</b>	\$4,583,750
<b>Golan</b>	\$4,447,303
<b>Pentire</b>	\$4,012,946
<i>Criteria: The sire whose NZ-conceived progeny for the season under review has accumulated the highest stakes earnings worldwide</i>	

To this end, with over NZ\$11 million in progeny earnings, **Pins** established a comfortable buffer over his rivals, with boom stallion **High Chaparral** figuring next best in second, \$571,706 away.

The result also stacked up competitively against his Australian counterparts.

During 2010/11, the Australian-based sire **Encosta de Lago** rated number one for global earnings with A\$11,701,005, followed next by **Redoute's Choice** (\$10,730,956), **Lonhro** (\$10,045,392), **More Than Ready** (\$9,004,504) and **Fastnet Rock** (\$8,519,100).

Knowing all too well the importance of international performance, Waikato Stud's Chittick family were duly thrilled with the result.

*"The Centaine Award is now New Zealand's most significant sire award, as it truly records the endeavours of the NZ-based stallion on the world stage,"* said Garry Chittick.

*"New Zealand could not survive without its horses' success in Australasia, Asia and the US."*

*"For Pins to have achieved over \$11million in global earnings is a very clear sign of the important contribution that these markets play and to his own ability to*

*produce world class racehorses."*

Perhaps no finer example of this during 2010/ 11 was the sire's triple G1 winning Hong Kong Horse of the Year, **Ambitious Dragon**.

Adding extra lustre to his crown as **Hong Kong's Champion Sire** and as the **Centaine Award** winner, **Pins** achieved further distinction last term as being New Zealand's number one sire of individual stakes winners, with a total of 10 being counted here. *"This in itself is very significant. Ordinarily if a stallion does three or four in a season, they are doing very well,"* said Garry.

**Pins'** 10 stakes heroes for 2010/2011 comprised of the Hong Kong star **Ambitious Dragon**; the US G2 winner **Our Nautique**; the Australian standouts **Legsman**, **Lucha Libra** and **Almodovar**; and the home-based black-type brigade **Icepın**, **Katie Lee**, **Undisclosed**, **Bespoke** and **Antonio Lombardo** – New Zealand's leading 2YO colt.

All up, **Pins** – who stands for \$40,000, counts **41** stakes winners to his credit and lays claims an exceptional winners-to-runners ratio of **67.2%**.

#### The Centaine Award Winners

SEASON	WINNER
2010/11	Pins
2009/10	Zabeel
2008/09	O'Reilly

*-Statistics kindly supplied by Arion Pedigrees.*

## Pins – the Stats

9 G1 Winners.  
41 Stakes Winners.  
10 Stakes Winners this season.  
67.2% winners-to-runners.  
7.4% stakes winner-to-runners.  
\$121,000 Premier Yearling Sale Average  
\$11 million plus progeny global earnings this season.  
\$40,000 Stud Fee

## Pins – the Stars

#### 9 G1 Winners...

1. Ambitious Dragon
2. El Segundo
3. Katie Lee
4. Legs
5. Porotene Gem
6. Econsul
7. Waikato
8. Red Glory
9. Lim's Prestige

#### 10 Stakes Winners in 2010/11...

1. Ambitious Dragon
2. Katie Lee
3. Antonio Lombardo
4. Icepin
5. Legsman
6. Lucha Libra
7. Almodovar
8. Bespoke
9. Undisclosed
10. Our Nautique

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