



Silent Poet

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Own: Stronach Stables



Dk. b or b. g. 4 (Feb)
Sire: Silent Name*Jpn (Sunday Silence) \$7,800
Dam: Cara Bella (Ghostzapper)
Br: Adena Springs (Ont.-C)
Tr: Gonzalez Nicholas(73 8 20 11 .11) 2019:(102 12 .12)

Life	11	6	3	1	\$394,160	100	D.Fst	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
2019	2	2	0	0	\$193,500	100	Wet(341)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
2018	8	4	2	1	\$182,400	89	Synth	4	1	1	1	\$42,617	89
Wo	7	5	2	0	\$338,680	100	Turf(352)	7	5	2	0	\$338,680	100
							Dst(369)	1	1	0	0	\$60,000	79

24Aug19-9WO	fm	7f	223	:44	1:07	1:19	3+	PlayKing-G2	100	2/6	2	42	31½	11½	11½	Boulanger G	L117	5:55	101-04	Silent Poet½	Sable Island ^{nk}	Curlin's Honor½	Clr mid str,rdn out
21Jly19-3WO	gd	6f	223	:45	1:08	1:14	3+	Alw 105025nc	95	1/6	1	13	2nd	11	13	Boulanger G	L121	6:35	93-13	Silent Poet½	El Tormenta ^o	Call Me Wally ¹	Dueled,clr str,drvg
20Dec18-8WO	fst	1¼	244	:49	1:13	1:43	3+	Sir Barton B100k	89	4/6	11	13	13	21	23½	Boulanger G	L122	4:05	88-12	Kingsport¾	Silent Poet½	Thor's Rocket½	Bmp,set pace,held plc
27Oct18-8WO	fst	7f	C 231	:46	1:10	1:22	3+	Overskate B100k	89	8/9	3	53½	54	52	31½	Boulanger G	L119	15:30	93-13	Thor's Rocket½	Red Cabernet ¹	Silent Poet½	3-4w,bid str,outkicked
16Sep18-4WO	fm	1	233	:46	1:10	1:33	3+	Vice Regnt B100k	79	3/7	2½	22	1hd	11	11	Boulanger G	L117	*1:45	92-08	Silent Poet ¹	Royal Laser½	Carmenootz½	Led upper str,held drv
25Aug18-3WO	fm	6f	243	:47	:58	1:10	2	OC 40k/c-N	84	1/6	1	11	11	11	12½	Boulanger G	L117	*6:55	-	Silent Poet½	Gasconade½	Rock n' Candy½	Held sway,light drive
28Jly18-10WO	gd	7f	224	:45	1:10	1:22	3+	OC 40k/c-N	79	6/13	2	23	23	23	21½	Boulanger G	117	*1:60	83-16	Vanish½	Silent Poet½	Colton's Corner½	Bmp strt,led str,passd
30Jun18-10WO	fst	1¼	464	1:11	1:36	1:02	1	Queen Plt B100k	61	5/16	5½	74	105½	111½	122½	Boulanger G	126	12:70	76-02	Wonder Gadot¾	Ahedbycentury¾	Cooler Mikehd	Bmp,3w far turn,even
27May18-10WO	fm	7f	224	:45	1:09	1:20	3+	OC 40k/c-N	82	7/13	4	21½	41½	31	11½	Boulanger G	118	*1:95	93-07	Silent Poet½	Fritzie's Boy ^{nk}	Mr O'Prado ²	Blocked str,rdn out
22Apr18-6WO	fst	5f	222	:45	:57			Moc 40000N	82	6/7	3	31½	21	11	15½	Boulanger G	119	*5:50	96-08	Silent Poet½	Yallahaveaniceday½	Flashy Trialhd	Bid upr str,drove clr

WORKS: Aug17WO 5f fst 1:01 B 18/61 Aug10WO 5f fst 1:02 B 19/33 ●Jly10WO 5f fst 1:00 B 1/7 ●Jun24WO 5f fst :59 B 1/14 Jun12WO 5f fst 1:02 B 14/17

TRAINER: Sprint/Route(32 .09 \$0.92) 2Sprints/Route(6 .00 \$0.00) WonLastStart(44 .20 \$2.05) Turf(89 .13 \$0.97) Routes(78 .12 \$1.04) Stakes(23 .17 \$6.13)

- Six wins and 10 top-three finishes from 11 starts. Two stakes crowns. One track record. Silent Poet's connections can happily rhyme off any number of impressive stats.
- Bred and owned by Stronach Stables, four-year-old Silent Poet delivered his Ricoh Woodbine Mile rivals a loud and clear message after a track record performance in the Grade 2 Play The King Stakes on August 24 at the Toronto oval. With Gary Boulanger in the irons, Silent Poet set a new E.P. Taylor Turf Course standard of 1:19.22 for seven furlongs. It eclipsed multiple stakes winner and 2004 Woodbine Mile (then known as the Atto Mile) champ Soaring Free's former record of 1:19.38, a mark that had stood for 15 years.
- "After he did what he did, and the way he did what he did, in track record style, you had to be pretty excited," said trainer Nick Gonzalez. "Even though we trainers don't like to get too far ahead of ourselves, you couldn't help but think what might happen in three weeks."
- The son of Silent Name-Cara Bella had both Boulanger and Gonzalez singing his praises after the Play the King triumph. "He's just getting better and better," praised Gonzalez. "Now that we have that little cool down in the weather, it's like he's picked his head up even more. Gary and I talk a lot. He just shook his head when he came back after that win. He said, 'Nick, I had another couple gears... I'm telling you right now.' When you watch the replay, Gary shakes him up, but that's all. He has a lot of confidence in the horse, which is an important thing."
- Silent Poet, who won his 2019 debut on July 21 at Woodbine, has only finished outside the top three once in his career. The dark bay was 12th in last year's Queen's Plate. Since then, the Ontario-bred is 4-2-1 in seven starts.
- "This is a different cast of characters, and you've got some awesome horses shipping in," acknowledged Gonzalez. "He's going to have to run the race of his life, obviously, to be competitive. But he's going into it the right way."

Owner – Stronach Stables

Frank Stronach, recipient of an Eclipse Award of Merit at his Gulfstream Park in January 2018, was born September 6, 1932, in Austria and has gone on to become one of Thoroughbred racing's most influential participants on both the racing and business fronts. Individual honours include eight Eclipse Awards as Outstanding Breeder and four as Outstanding Owner plus 12 Sovereign Awards as Outstanding Breeder, eight as Outstanding Owner, and a special Sovereign Award with Awesome Again, winner of the 1997 Queen's Plate and 1998 Breeders' Cup Classic. He was inducted into Canada's Horse Racing Hall of Fame in 2002. Numerous champions have raced in Frank Stronach's silks, including 1980 Canadian Horse of the Year Glorious Song (the first Canadian horse to earn \$1 million) and four Plate winners: Basqueian, Awesome Again, Shaman Ghost and Holy Helena. This year's success stories include Delta Prince in the Grade 1 Makers Mark, Holy Helena here in the Grade 2 Dance Smartly, and the highly regarded juvenile Green Light Go in the Grade 2 Saratoga Special.

Trainer – Nicholas Gonzalez

Born on January 26, 1952, Nick Gonzalez resides in Fort Erie, Ontario with his assistant and wife Martha Gonzalez, and operates large, successful stables at both of Ontario's Thoroughbred racetracks, Woodbine and Fort Erie. He captured the Queen's Plate in 2010 with Big Red Mike and again in 2013 with Midnight Aria. On June 21, 2010, Gonzalez celebrated his 1,000th career victory with Boca Pass at Fort Erie. Other top horses include River Seven, My List, Stuck in Traffic, and Artie Hot. As of September 9, he has 58 career stakes victories, including nine graded wins. In 2009, he had a career-best 105 wins, along with a 22 per cent win rate and 50 per cent top-three mark.

Jockey – Gary Boulanger

Born in Edmonton, Alberta, Gary Boulanger, began his riding career in Washington State and won three straight jockey titles at Longacres in Seattle, breaking Gary Stevens' meet record with 247 wins in 1991. He also netted two riding crowns at Calder Race Course from 1994-1995. Boulanger returned to Canada, specifically Woodbine, in June 2000 and won 78 races, six stakes and over \$4 million in purses. He has been associated with many Sovereign Award champions including Dancethruthedawn, who won the Queen's Plate and Woodbine Oaks in 2001. Boulanger's career appeared

over following a 2005 spill at Gulfstream, but after a brief stint as a trainer, he made a comeback after an eight-year absence. His first ride back was at Tampa Bay Downs in February of 2013. The resilient rider found his way back to Woodbine later that year. Boulanger was the recipient of the 2017 Avelino Gomez Memorial Award for contributions to racing on and off the track. As of September 9, he has 3,601 career wins, including 83 stakes victories, 23 of which are graded.

Previous Ricoh Woodbine Mile Starters

Stronach Stables	Nicholas Gonzalez	Gary Boulanger
<p>Stronach Stables 2018 – 4th – Delta Prince 2012 – 2nd – Hunters Bay 2005 – 9th – Royal Regalia 2004 – 3rd – Royal Regalia 2002 – 8th – Krieger</p> <p>Frank H. Stronach 1997 – 12th – All Firmed Up</p> <p>Frank Stronach and Horizon Stable 1997 – 2nd – Helmsman</p>	<p>2014 – 4th – River Seven</p>	<p>2017 – 12th – Dragon Bay 2016 – 7th – Glenville Gardens 2014 – 6th – Lockout 2000 – 13th – Dawson’s Legacy</p>



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