



## PEDIGREE PROFILE

# California-bred Spirit of Eagles thrives as broodmare in Germany

by Rommy Faversham

Coming off a layoff of almost six months, Sabiango (Ger), a two-time Group 1 winner in Germany, scored a wire-to-wire upset victory in the \$350,000 Charles Whittingham Memorial Handicap (G1) on June 12 at Hollywood Park, earning his first Grade 1 win in the United States and earning accomplished California-bred broodmare Spirit of Eagles another top victory.



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### SABIANGO

Bred by Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof, Sabiango is out of the winning Beau's Eagle mare Spirit of Eagles who was exported to Germany in 1992. From six winners to date, she also has produced 2001 Arlington Million (G1) winner Silvano (Ger), by Lomitas (GB), who also captured Grade 1 contests in Hong Kong and Singapore. That success helped Spirit of Eagles earn 2001 Broodmare of the Year honors in Germany.

Bred by John and Betty Mabee, Spirit of Eagles is a full sister to Grade 3 winner Big Pal and a half sister to multiple stakes winner Lovely Habit. Sabiango's American family descends back to his ninth dam Etoile Filante (1918), a full sister to leading United States sire Chatterton, both bred by preeminent horseman August Belmont II.

### Sabiango (Ger), ch. h., 1998

=Acatenango (Ger) 82 492 fls, 58 SWs SI 2.79 DI=0.71	=Surumu (Ger) 74 3 wins, \$162,083, SW 515 fls, 57 SWs SI 1.72 DI=0.29	=Literat (Ger) 65 183 fls, 15 SWs SI 0.68 DI=0.54	=Birkhahn (Ger) 45	
	=Aggravate (GB) 66 3 wins, \$19,006, SW 9 fls, 3 SWs DI=3.00	=Surama (Ger) 70 4 fls, 1 SW DI=0.22	=Lis (Ger) 60	
Spirit of Eagles 86 9 fls, 2 SWs DI=0.63	Beau's Eagle 76 9 wins, \$513,500, SW 438 fls, 14 SWs SI 1.11 DI=0.41	*Aggressor II 55 284 fls, 18 SWs SI 0.96 DI=2.07	=Reliance II (Fr) 62	
		=Raven Locks (GB) 45 12 fls, 2 SWs DI=2.00	=Suncourt (GB) 52	
	Big Spirit 80 Unraced 14 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.13	*Golden Eagle II 65 461 fls, 15 SWs SI 1.05 DI=0.46	=Combat (GB) 44	=Mr. Jinks (GB) 26
		Beaufield 70 7 fls, 1 SW DI=0.73	=Phaetonia (GB) 45	=Gentlemen's Relish (GB) 26
	Beautiful Spirit 73 7 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.00	=Right Royal (Fr) 58		
		Aquilla II 60		
		Maribeaub 62		
		Bushfield 61		
		*Herbager 56		
		Silver Sari 61		
		Bold Bidder 62		
		Baby La 65		

Sabiango is from the tenth crop of four-time leading German sire Acatenango, now 22 years of age and recently pensioned. As a runner, he was German Horse of the Year at ages 3 and 5 in 1985 and '87. Some of Acatenango's other Grade 1 winners include this year's Prix du Jockey-Club (French Derby) (Fr-G1) winner Blue Canari (Fr), and Deutsches Derby (Ger-

G1) winners Lando (Ger) and Borgia (Ger).

Sabiango is a seventh generation tail male descendant of English-bred Dark Ronald who when imported to Germany in 1913 became one of that country's greatest foundation stallions.

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