



FILLY FOALS, colt foals, and green grass. Famous mares and good mares—chestnuts, bays, browns, greys, and blacks. A yearling colt with its tail chewed off by a calf. Hens fussing, and a dog with a litter of pups. A stable window high from the ground shattered that morning by a high-stepping young lady, a yearling filly. Two stallions with pedigrees as long, as impressive, as their racing records. A rush of cat, a squeak of starling. Shady trees, an old country house. A road alongside with hardly a car day or night—which is just as well with all the dust: a road alongside with more hoof marks than signs of tyres, with grass tracks on the edge which couldn't be better for cantering. Two cows; proper and prim as they are, in all that mixed company they like their noses rubbed with the rest of them. Stables and stalls and harness rooms; outbuildings with the rafters bulging with hay and oats and chaff. Youngsters and babies with tender noses sunburnt and white faces freckled.

Everywhere are horses and wide acres.

On the gate is the name—Rosswood Stud.

Here are sired and dammed foals that will bring up to four-figure bids at yearling sales. They will be among the champions of the coming years. Some, like their mothers and fathers before them, will make racecourse history. Some will be hunters, hurdlers, and steeplechasers; some, perhaps, polo ponies, and others hacks. But there is one thing for sure: they will always be thoroughbreds.

With a stud it doesn't matter how long or how green grows the grass, how fine the mares, or how careful the attention if the sires are not of similar high standard. At Rosswood Stud are two sires, Beaulivre and Beau Vite, which are two of the greatest horses ever to have raced in New Zealand. Both are by the Son-in-Law sire, Beau Pere, whose stock created a sensation in the sale ring before any of them had ever raced, and made another sensation when they first began to race. From the start of his career at the stud Beau Pere was a success. From five seasons he has sired the winners of more than £130,000 in stakes; for at least two years he has headed the list of winning sires.

Here are some facts and figures about the two leading offspring of the famous Beau Pere. Beau Vite heads the progeny; during his racing career he started sixty times for thirty-one wins, nine seconds, and five thirds, and earned nearly £30,000 in stakes. He won over all distances from five furlongs to two miles and a quarter. As a stayer he had few equals, while his speed enabled him to beat the best sprinters at their own distances. At different times he beat, weight-for-age or giving away weight, all the champion horses in Australia and New Zealand, including Beaulivre, High Caste, Ajax, Reading, Tranquil Star, Royal Chief, Gold Salute, Old Bill, Lucrative, Mildura, and Dashing Cavalier.

Beaulivre, foaled in the same season as Beau Vite, was never out of the money in his first thirty-one races. As a two-year