Old Friends

Cherono

2002 b G, Grand Slam – Smooth and Classy (Ogygian)



At the 2003 Keeneland sales, Jerry and Ann Moss—who were soon to have a Kentucky Derby winner in Giacomo and perhaps the greatest race horse of the decade in Zenyatta-purchased a promising yearling. Sired by multiple grade 1 winner Grand Slam, out of a well bred daughter of Ogygian, the youngster looked as exceptional as his pedigree, with plenty of muscle and balance, and the final polish of a rich mahogany coat. The Mosses thought so highly of the colt's potential that they paid \$410,000 for him. Named Cherono, he went into training with John Shirreffs. Cherono debuted with two races at Santa Anita. In his third race, at Hollywood Park, he made strides toward learning his trade, scoring fourth place. But just as he seemed on the verge of success, a fractured leg ended his racing career. The fractures required costly surgery, and in all, Cherono had earned only \$1,280, with no chance of further earnings. In that scenario, some owners would call it quits. Not the Mosses. They gave Cherono the care he needed, allowed him time to heal fully, and retired him to Old Friends. Now, on the same farm as his famed damsire, Ogygian, Cherono has found a perfect second career, wowing visitors with his handsome looks and friendly ways. We will never know what Cherono might have accomplished on the track, but he achieves important work. He reminds us of our responsibility to the equine athletes who give their all to entertain us, and the greatness of those owners who live up to that responsibility. Cherono is a class act, and so are the Mosses.

If you would like a share in this horse, you may complete the form below. In return, you will receive an $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ color photograph of Cherono and a Share Certificate.

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