

# Lucas Cranach to Bullarook Park

Australian Bloodstock and Bullarook Park have completed a deal to stand outstanding racehorse Lucas Cranach (Ger) at the Victorian Stud from 2013.

Staying ability and tremendous acceleration were Lucas Cranach's trademarks before injury ended his career after he trounced a field of Group 1 Winners in the Group 11 Peter Young Stakes (1800m) at his final start, which was his second Group 11 win after he won the Grosser Hansa Preis (2400m) at Hamburg.

"I always had the opinion he was that good", Lucas Cranach's trainer Anthony Freedman said after the stallion's dazzling Caulfield victory, which followed his terrific third to Americain and Dunaden in the Group 1 Melbourne cup over 3200 metres.

Lucas Cranach's (pictured below) brilliance surprised champion jockey Corey Brown when the star stayer finished fifth in the Group 1 Caulfield Cup- "I think I pushed the button a little bit early in the Caulfield Cup- I didn't think he would accelerate like he did".

Australian Racing Hall Of Fame trainer Lee Freedman was convinced of Lucas Cranach's class from the moment he began working with him in England and rightly so, as the entire was unlucky not to beat the subsequent Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Danedream in the Group 1 Preis Von Berlin (2400m) in Germany.



Lucas Cranach offers the extremely rare quality of 'mind boggling explosiveness' combined with endless stamina.

In Germany, he once ran 31.88 for his last 600m and on another occasion clocked 32.68 seconds. These are just about unheard of for any race horse let alone a genuine middle distance horse.

"Malcolm Boyd from Bullarook is extremely well regarded in the breeding industry so to be involved with him is fantastic," Australian Bloodstock co-founder Luke Murrell said.

"With the outcross he offers breeders if he can throw his explosiveness then he will produce some quality products. "In Lucas Cranach he is getting a horse that was extremely well regarded-and rightly so- and with the horse's looks and versatility will give him a chance to become a genuine success at Stud."

Lucas Cranach will stand his first season at a service fee of \$5,500 (inc GST).