

LOUISIANA TOBA BREEDER OF THE YEAR

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The partnership of P. Dale Ladner and Brett Brinkman, breeders of 2021 Louisiana Horse of the year Cilla have been named Louisiana TOBA breeders of the year by the LTBA Board of Directors and were honored at the TOBA Awards Banquet, September 10th at Keeneland.

The same connections both bred Cilla and raced her dam, Sittin at the Bar. Ladner purchased the 2010 Into Mischief-Fast Laner filly

through the 2011 Breeders Sales Company of Louisiana Yearling Sale for \$30,000, while he was fortuitously sitting at the bar!

Trained for Ladner by Brinkman, Sittin at the Bar won 11 of 19 starts including nine Louisiana-bred stakes during her career earning \$705,896. She was the 2012 Accredited Louisiana Bred Champion Two-Year-Old Filly, 2013 Accredited Louisiana Bred Champion Three-Year-Old Filly,

and 2014 Accredited Louisiana Bred Champion Four-Year-Old and Upwards Filly or Mare.

Sittin At The Bar has produced four runners, all winners with combined earnings of \$1,390,025 to date. In addition to Cilla, she has produced graded placed stakes winner Club Car, and stakes winner Jack The Umpire.

Cilla was both the first North American, winner and first black type winner for her sire two time Horse of the Year, California Chrome.

Cilla, is proof positive that Louisiana-breds can compete among top company anywhere. At two, she ran third in the 2020 G1 Frizette S. at Belmont. At three, she won the 2021 Louisiana Legends Mademoiselle at Evangeline Downs in June, then took her show on the road to Monmouth Park where she annexed the Blue Sparkler Stakes getting the five and a half furlongs in 1:03.07 to win by 2 1/2 lengths. Next, Cilla won the G2 Prioress S. at Saratoga, running the six furlongs in 1:10.05, defeating Kentucky bred G3 Stakes Winner Souper Sensational.

In 2022, she has added stakes wins in the Orleans S. and LA Bred Premier Matron, both run at Delta Downs. Cilla's current lifetime earnings are \$509,000.