

The two highest-rated horses in the Cambridge yard of Shaune Ritchie will make later returns to racing in the new season.

The Hawke's Bay carnival doesn't feature in the plans for either his Group One winner Devise or the black type performer Sultan Of Swing.

"Devise is a better horse in the later spring and early summer so we'll let the Hastings races go by," Ritchie said.

The Oaks Stud-bred and raced daughter of resident stallion Darci Brahma raced consistently well in strong company throughout her career before she earned major honours in the Gr.1 Haunui Farm Classic (1600m) at Otaki.

"Her main goal will probably be the Herbie Dyke Stakes, which she had to be scratched from last time because of rain on the day," Ritchie said.

Meanwhile, Devise's unraced sister Revise has been turned out after placing at the trials.

"She's obviously got plenty of pedigree and has showed ability, but she keeps growing so she's gone for a break," Ritchie said.

Multiple winner Sultan Of Swing reported back for duty on Monday morning.

"He's had a good break and he doesn't handle wet ground," Ritchie said.

"The Tarzino Trophy at Hawke's Bay will come up too soon for him, he'll be ready for the late spring and summer.

"He's super consistent and a race like the Rich Hill Mile with the right weight would suit him nicely."

Sultan Of Swing has won seven races and made his mark at stakes level with placings in the Gr.3 Darley Stallions' Plate (1200m) and the Listed Trevor Eagle Memorial (1500m).

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