



**St. Elias Stable (Vincent J. Viola)**

**Born:** 1956. New York

**Family:** Wife, Teresa; Sons John, Michael, Travis.

**Residence:** New York

**Education:** Graduated from the United States Military Academy; Doctor of Jurisprudence, New York Law School.

**Business:** Owns the electronic trading firm Virtu Financial. He also owns the NHL's Florida Panthers, Sunrise Sports & Entertainment and the BB&T Center. He purchased the Panthers in 2013. His net worth according to Forbes Magazine is \$2 billion.

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- Viola is a former chairman of the New York Mercantile Exchange, graduated from West Point and served in the Army Reserves. He and West Point Thoroughbreds founder Terry Finley share a military background and they have partnered on several horses, including Grade 1 winner Ring Weekend and 2015 Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (G1) winner Liam's Map, who was owned by his wife, Teresa and ran under the banner Teresa Viola Racing Stables.
  - He returns to the Breeders' Cup with one of the favorites for the Longines Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) in Vino Rosso, whom he owns in a partnership with good friend and fellow billionaire Mike Repole.
  - Vino Rosso shipped from trainer Todd Pletcher's New York barn and won the Gold Cup at Santa Anita (G1) this year ... He finished first in the Jockey Club Gold Cup (G1) at Belmont Park, but was disqualified and placed second behind Code of Honor for bumping in the stretch.
  - At three, Vino Rosso captured the Wood Memorial (G2) at Aqueduct.
  - He was a co-owner of 2015 Champagne (G1) winner Greenpointcrusader, along with childhood pal Anthony Bonomo of Brooklyn Boyz Stable. He was named for the youth football team he and Bonomo played on in the Greenpoint section of Brooklyn.
  - Viola's other Grade 1 winners are Army Mule in the 2018 Carter Handicap and Sweet Loretta in the 2016 Spinaway Stakes.

- Among select group of sports franchise/Thoroughbred horse owners that includes George Steinbrenner (New York Yankees), Eugene Klein (San Diego Chargers) and Bob McNair (Houston Texans).