

BELLADONNA RACING LLC

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— YEAR IN REVIEW —

2023 *Wrap-up!*

Dear Belladonna Family,

The Belladonna TEAM wishes you and your loved ones a Happy and Healthy New Year. THANK YOU to all of our partners, who we consider FAMILY for your continued support and passion for horse racing and the Belladonna mission. Since the launch of Belladonna Racing, we have been in search of the proper slogan for our venture. It took a while but we feel we have landed on the perfect one for us: "The Partnership is Our People" is so meaningful because without you there is not a Belladonna Racing.

The 2024 racing season will be our sixth and we continue to stress quality over quantity both with our acquisitions of our racing stock and with the size of our partnerships. We enter the New Year ready to compete with a talented and deep roster, led by multiple graded stakes winner Vahva and a few of our veterans, as well as the newly turned 3-year-olds led by stakes winner Legalize and impressive maiden winners The Process and Depiction. We also have 19 promising 2-year-olds to keep us dreaming.

We hope that you can all join us for our January 18th-20th partner trip to Ocala, Florida. During this event we will spend time together as well as visit the Belladonna Racing VI athletes at the Eisaman Equine Training facility. This will kick off what promises to be the first of many opportunities in 2024 for all our partners to get together and share in the excitement of this beautiful sport and your horses.

The Belladonna Racing Team is humbled and appreciative of the trust and faith all our partners have shown toward our mission, and we look forward to sharing many thrilling wins with you all in 2024 and beyond. **WE WIN TOGETHER!**



Sincerely,

BELLADONNA RACING TEAM





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— YEAR IN REVIEW —

2023 *Success!*

Belladonna Racing as a whole continued to build on its past success in 2023, all while competing at the most prominent racetracks in North America as well as in elite stakes company at places such as Saratoga, Churchill Downs and Keeneland. Vahva, the talented 3-year-old filly led the way with back-to-back wins in the Charles Town Oaks (G3) and the prestigious Raven Run S. (G2) at Keeneland. We also had our first group of colts hit the track in 2023. This group was led by Legalize, a 2-year-old son of Constitution who won two of his three starts, including the Sugar Bowl S. at Fair Grounds in December.

BELLADONNA RACING IN 2023

STARTS: 57 ♦ WINS: 10 (2 GSW, 1 LSW) ♦ PLACE: 5 ♦ SHOW: 5 (1 GSP)
WIN%: 17.5% ♦ IN-THE-MONEY%: 35%

KEY: GSW = GRADED STAKES WIN LSW = LISTED STAKES WIN GSP = GRADED STAKES-PLACED



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LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE *Boys*

Legalize Dominates in the

\$100K

Sugar Bowl Stakes



▶ RACE REPLAY

In our first year of racing both colts and fillies, **LEGALIZE** became the first male stakes winner for our partnership when winning the \$100,000 Sugar Bowl S. at Fair Grounds on December 23rd. This precocious colt also earned the title of being our first two-year-old to win a stakes.

LEGALIZE, with Brian Hernandez Jr. aboard for the first time, pressed the pace along the outside as the field quickly cut through fractions of :22 and :45.1. **LEGALIZE** grabbed the lead in upper stretch and pulled away from the slight favorite, American Rascal, to win by 2 ¾ lengths, finishing the six furlongs in a sharp 1:10.56.

We purchased this son of Constitution from the OBS April Two-Year-Olds in Training sale, where he worked a furlong in :10.1 with a measured stride of 25.1 feet. He is out of an Unbridled's Song mare named Allez Marie, who placed in a Grade 3 in Brazil and has produced three other blacktype runners. **LEGALIZE** became the fourth stakes winner with the direct cross of Constitution and Unbridled's Song.

RECORD: 3-2-0-0 \$131,775

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2023 *Belladonna* WINNERS



VAHVA AMONG TOP THREE-YEAR-OLD SPRINT FILLIES IN 2023



VAHVA provided the fireworks throughout the year, but her grand finale as a 3-year-old topped it all when she won the Grade 2 Raven Run S. at Keeneland with several of our partners in attendance. In six starts in 2023, she had three wins, a second, a third in a Grade 3, and a fourth in a Grade 2 for \$769,610 in yearly earnings.



VAHVA became the first graded stakes winner for Belladonna Racing when she topped the chart in the \$750,000 Grade 3 Charles Town Oaks by a widening 1 ¼ lengths. It's where Hall of Fame jockey Johnny Velazquez fell in love with her.

With a large Kentucky Oaks attendance cheering on the first Friday in May at Churchill Downs, **VAHVA** earned her second career victory with a stylish allowance win under Luis Saez.

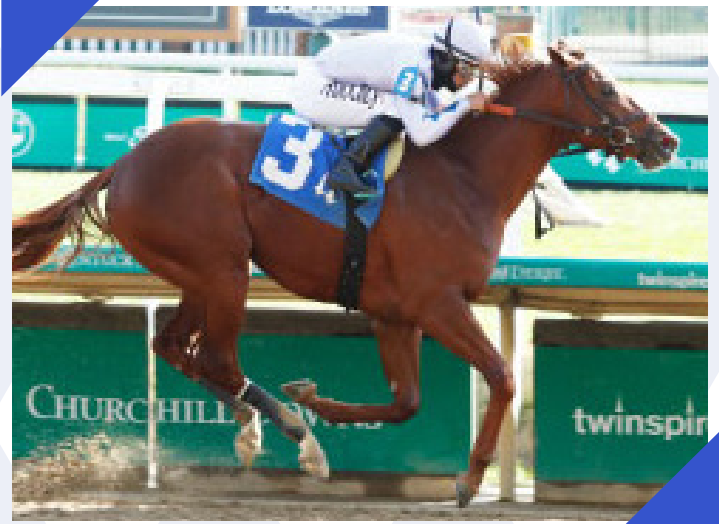
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2023 *Belladonna* WINNERS (CONT.)

Two-Year-Old Colts Shine!



LEGALIZE became the first colt and the first two-year-old to win a stakes race for Belladonna when he dominated the Sugar Bowl S. at Fair Grounds just before Christmas.



In 2023, we started racing both colts and fillies after four years of being an exclusive fillies partnership. **LEGALIZE** was one of six colts to hit the track for us, and he was the third to win when he led wire-to-wire in a Churchill Downs maiden race in late November.

Back-to-Back Maiden Winners at Ellis Park



It was a fun day at Ellis Park in late August when a pair of 2-year-old colts broke their maidens in back-to-back races. **DEPICTION** (left) was dominant over the turf course and **THE PROCESS** (right) was impressive on debut over the main track.

We are looking forward to the future with both of these colts.

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2023 *Belladonna* WINNERS (CONT.)



Older fillies start the year off with allowance wins at Fair Grounds

Our older fillies were not to be denied this year, as both **BLISSFUL** (left) and **SALVAJE** (right) kicked off the year with allowance wins at Fair Grounds. Blissful dropped back into allowance company after finishing fourth in the Pago Hop S. and won easily on the turf in mid-February. Salvaje was coming back from nearly a year off and won a sprint allowance over the grass in March.



Making her second career start, **APRIATI** broke her maiden going a mile over the Turfway Park synthetic surface.

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2023 YEARLING SALES PURCHASES



2022 Colt, Constitution – Ellyb
Purchased at FT Saratoga Select for \$350,000



2022 Colt, Quality Road – Borealis Night
Purchased at Keeneland September Sale for \$500,000



2022 Colt, Tapit – River Maid
Purchased at Keeneland September Sale for \$450,000



2022 Filly, Volatile – Splashy Kisses
Purchased at Keeneland September Sale for \$200,000

2023 Freshman Sires Contest

The Freshman Sire race for 2023 has been a battle throughout the year between four stallions that all stand at Spendthrift Farm. At the time of press, **MITOLE** had a \$200K+ lead in progeny earnings over **Maximus Mischief** and **Vino Rosso**, while **Omaha Beach** lagged in fourth. Each of the four has several entries in the last days of December, including stakes runners, which should set the stage for a tight finish.

Check out next month's newsletter to see who won our annual contest of selecting the Leading Freshman Sire. (Hint, four people chose Mitole, but no one picked Maximus Mischief!)

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2023 YEARLING SALES PURCHASES (CONT.)



2022 Colt, Violence – America's Surprise
Purchased at Keeneland September Sale for \$250,000



2022 Filly, Quality Road – Momentary Magic
Purchased at Keeneland September Sale for \$400,000



2022 Filly, Street Sense – Asiya
Purchased at Keeneland September Sale for \$260,000



2022 Filly, Not This Time - Gale
Purchased at Keeneland September Sale for \$200,000



Please make plans to join us in Ocala, FL

JANUARY 18-19TH

for a fun-packed few days in the warm Sunshine State. Our primary focus will be to watch our horses train at Eisaman Equine training center on the morning of January 19th.

For more information, contact David Ingordo (859-621-8809) or Paul Manganaro (781-779-4149).

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2023 YEARLING SALES PURCHASES (CONT.)



2022 Filly, City of Light – Holiday Soiree
Purchased at Keeneland September Sale for \$400,000



2022 Colt, Constitution – Ruby Lips
Purchased at Keeneland September Sale for \$450,000



2022 Filly, Maclean's Music – Lady Luck
Purchased at Keeneland September Sale for \$300,000



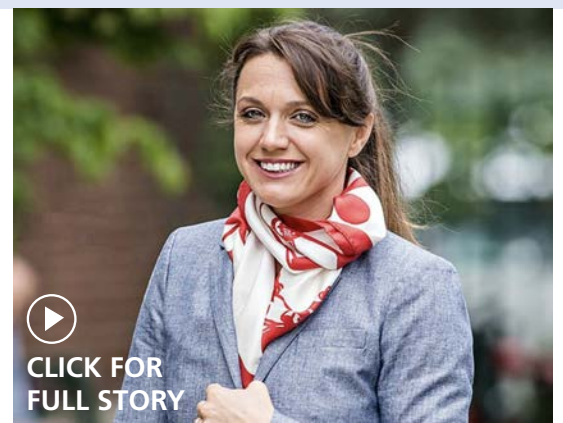
2022 Filly, Army Mule - Mezcalita
Purchased at Keeneland September Sale for \$270,000



**DECEMBER MEMBER
OF THE MONTH**

Cherie DeVaux is the TOBA December Member of the Month

Cherie DeVaux is experiencing a year unlike any other. So far in 2023, she's more than doubled her 2022 earnings, raking in over \$4.7 million. The trainer also garnered her first grade 1 win, and she headed to the Breeders' Cup with three strong contenders.



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2023 YEARLING SALES PURCHASES (CONT.)



2022 Colt, Ghostzapper – Desert Isle
Purchased at Keeneland September Sale for \$50,000



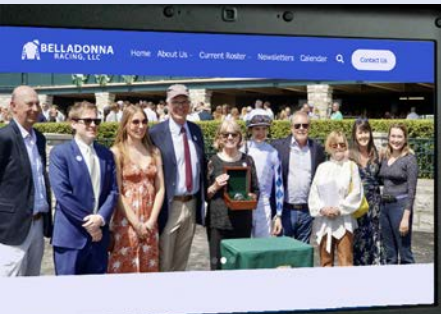
2022 Colt, Twirling Candy - Flush
Purchased at Keeneland September Sale for \$240,000



2022 Colt, Collected - Leeway
Purchased at Keeneland September Sale for \$80,000



2022 Filly, Not This Time – Mojo Mama
Purchased at Keeneland September Sale for \$275,000



Our website, **BELLADONNATB.COM**, is officially launched! It is an all-source site for entries, results, updates, stats, current news, archived newsletters, and photos. We encourage feedback so that we can provide the information you desire, so please let us know what you think of the site.



CLICK HERE TO VISIT OUR NEW SITE

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2023 YEARLING SALES PURCHASES (CONT.)



2022 Filly, Hard Spun – Grace and Dignity
Purchased at Keeneland September Sale for \$300,000



2022 Colt, Game Winner – Hessie's Girl
Purchased at Keeneland September Sale for \$185,000



2022 Colt, Vekoma – Granny's Drink
Purchased at Keeneland September Sale for \$87,000

WINTER SALES CALENDAR

KEENELAND JANUARY
HORSES OF ALL AGES SALE
JANUARY 8TH-11TH

OBS WINTER MIXED
AND HORSES OF RACING AGE
JANUARY 24TH-25TH

FASIG-TIPTON KY WINTER
MIXED SALE
FEBRUARY 5TH-6TH



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2023 2YO PURCHASES



2021 Colt, Constitution – Allez Marie
Purchased at OBS Spring 2YO Sale for \$500,000



2021 Colt, Oscar Performance – Balance
Purchased at OBS Spring 2YO Sale for \$330,000



2021 Colt, American Pharoah-Desert Isle
Purchased at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2YO Sale for \$180,000



Climbing the Ladder!

Congratulations to Cherie DeVaux and her dedicated Team for ranking in the Top 25 trainers for 2023. Her stable's earnings have increased each year since opening a public barn in 2018, and her total in 2023 of \$5.5M+ more than doubled her previous high mark in '22.



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