

# BELLADONNA RACING LLC

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LET THE BREEDING SEASON BEGIN!

With breeding season quickly approaching (think Valentine's Day as the start), let's look at the incoming class of Kentucky-based first-year sires. There are 25 new stallions in the Bluegrass State listed with a stud fee from \$5K to \$40K.

Topping the 2025 class by stud fee is last year's 10-furlong Belmont S. (G1) winner DORNOCH, a son of Good Magic (Curlin) and a full brother to 2023 Kentucky Derby (G1) winner MAGE. He will stand for \$40,000 at Spendthrift Farm, known for producing top stallions of all ages.

The only other stallion to retire at the high-mark of \$40,000 this year is the 2023 Preakness S. (G1) winner NATIONAL TREASURE, also at Spendthrift Farm. This son of Quality Road stayed on at age 4 to win the Met Mile (G1) and the rich Pegasus World Cup (G1) for career earnings of nearly \$5.6M.

MUTH, another son of Good Magic, commands the third-highest stud fee at \$35,000. He was a Grade 1 winner at 2 and finished second to Fierceness in the BC Juvenile (G1) before winning the Arkansas Derby (G1) last spring. He takes up residency at Gainesway Farm.

There are five new sires coming in at \$30,000 and all five earned Grade 1 victories: ARABIAN KNIGHT (by Uncle Mo, but also the half-brother to our own promising star CROMWELL!); COGBURN (Not This Time); DOMESTIC PRODUCT (Practical Joke); PRINCE OF MONACO (Speightstown); and SEIZE THE GREY (Arrogate).

It doesn't seem that long ago we were cheering on the likes of ESSENTIAL QUALITY, CHARLATAN, MAXFIELD, and YAUPON, and this spring we will get to watch their first crops race. Belladonna will be represented by a pair of Essential Quality 2YOs, a colt and a filly.

Grade 1 winner  
ARABIAN KNIGHT,  
half-brother to  
CROMWELL

## 2025 INCOMING — SIRES — REVIEW

We no longer offer a Freshman Sires contest since it takes years for the winners to collect their prizes (Paul's working on it!) Nonetheless, it is always intriguing to see these amazing athletes translate their talent to their offspring.

Essential Quality  
Spanish Star





# BELLADONNA RACING <sup>LLC</sup>

## RACING CORE VALUES & GOALS

Since our inception, the management TEAM of Belladonna Racing has applied the Belladonna Racing's Core Values in every transaction and interaction we have encountered. We strongly believe in the TEAM-First approach and every good TEAM member understands that their actions are not only a reflection on themselves, but they also are a reflection on the entire TEAM. We are committed to these Core Values and take seriously the fact that the actions of one have a direct effect on all.

**ACCOUNTABILITY**

**COMMITMENT**

**INTEGRITY**

**TRUST**

**INNOVATION**

**TEAMWORK**

**PRIDE**

**RESPECT FOR ALL**

**EXCELLENCE IN CLIENT SERVICE**

**HIGHEST DEGREE OF  
PROFESSIONALISM**

**CANDOR**





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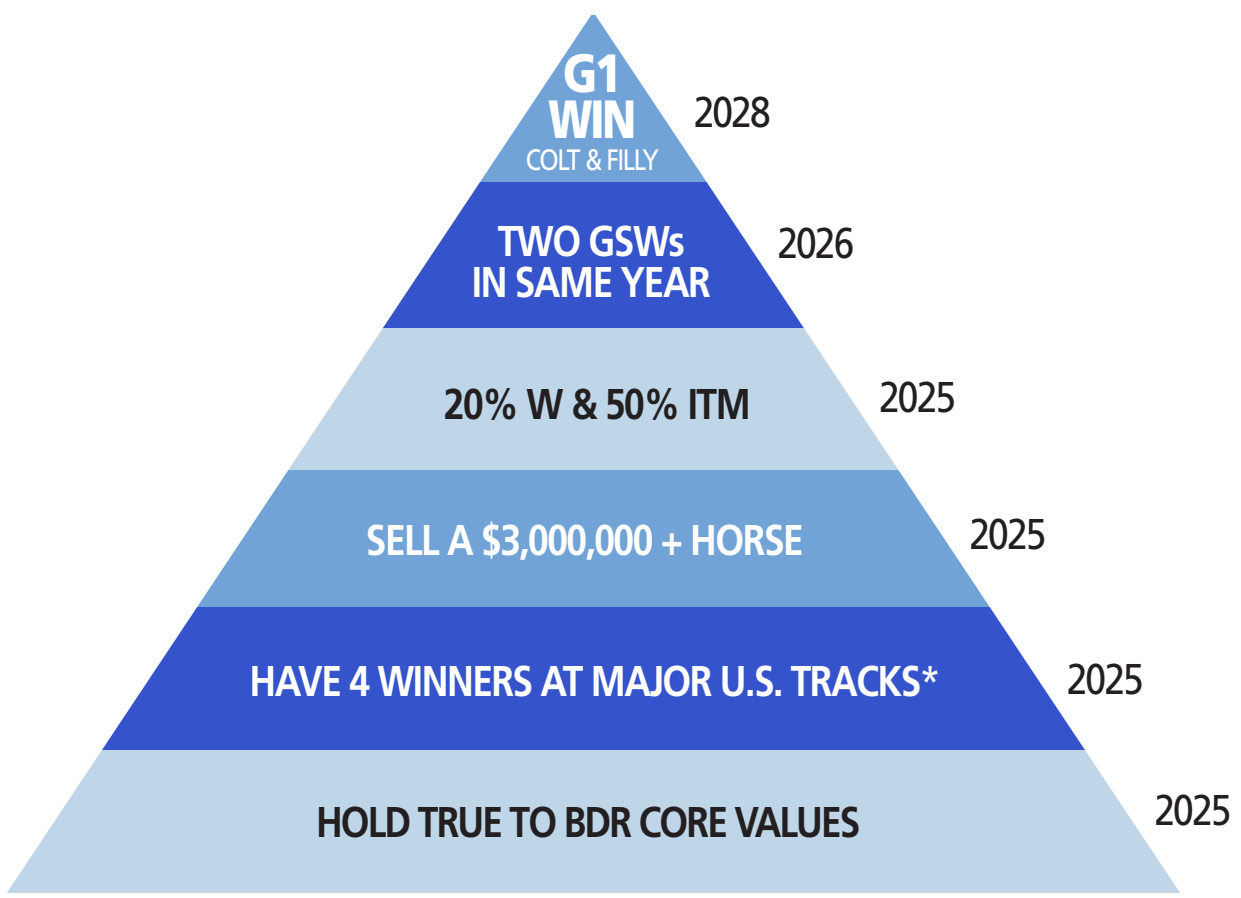
## RACING CORE VALUES & GOALS (CONT.)

The management TEAM of Belladonna Racing has always been goal-oriented and we are not afraid to set lofty goals with the objective to successfully compete at the highest level of the Thoroughbred Racing game. When Vahva won the Derby City Distaff (G1) in 2024, we successfully achieved all our goals established in the 1st Belladonna Racing's Pyramid of Success.

Today, after careful consideration, we are excited to present to you the goals for the 2nd edition of the Belladonna Racing's Pyramid of Success. We look forward to working toward achieving these goals with all of you.

*Sincerely,  
Cherie, Paul, and David*

### 2ND EDITION GOAL PYRAMID JANUARY 1, 2025



\*Keeneland, Churchill, Belmont/Aqueduct, Saratoga, Fair Grounds, Del Mar, Santa Anita





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YOU'VE GOT TO LOVE A *Win!*

## Poetry in Motion at Fair Grounds

LOVE AND POETRY, a three-year-old daughter of Hard Spun, got our Belladonna VI Partnership off on a winning note for 2025 when she broke her maiden in impressive fashion on January 4th at Fair Grounds. It was her second career start.

She broke sharply and was taken back for cover by Florent Geroux in the first quarter of the race. LOVE AND POETRY fought with her rider a bit into the turn but relaxed and found her stride starting down the backstretch. Allowed to move up on her own, LOVE AND POETRY and Geroux launched their move in the turn and hit the head of the stretch in the 5-path. They closed strongly to win by a length going away and galloped out nicely.

Cherie commented, "Her first race was a toss since it was a mile and one-eighth, and she just got tired at what is an odd distance for 2yos at that time of the year. We worked on her relaxing, and her works of late have been good as you have read in the reports. I'm glad we kept

her on the grass as that is what looks like her best surface. I will put on some equipment to help the jockey next time as she had her mouth open a bit and was fighting Flo early, but he did a great job getting her to settle and come with a run. LOVE AND POETRY has a great turn of foot and should keep improving from there."

Geroux added, "The filly ran super. She was a little tough the first part, but when she settled, she relaxed beautifully, and then came with a good turn of foot. The race was really rough-run in front of her, so I just tried to keep her out of trouble and get her some cover to relax. Cherie can change some equipment with her to get her to settle even a bit more for me. It was a good win; I think those were decent fillies in the race and we should move forward from there. Thank you for letting me ride her!"

**RACE RECORD: 2-1-0-0 EARNINGS: \$35,637**



[▶ RACE REPLAY](#)





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TAKING CHARGE DOWN THE Lane!

## Setting Sail to the Winner's Circle

SEAPORT LANE lived up to our expectations winning by a very easy 2 lengths in a sparkling time of 1.09 4/5ths while besting a field of seasoned runners.

Breaking well and getting to the lead in a couple of strides, SEAPORT LANE and Jose Ortiz took up residence in the front of the field and cruised through an opening 1/4 in 22.00 followed up by a 1/2 mile in 45.45. Cutting the corner and turning for home, Jose asked SEAPORT LANE to kick on and he did. There was a serious challenge mounted by a nice horse in MAP TO THE STARS, but Ortiz roused SEAPORT LANE, and he put him away and held off the late bid from PINFIRE to finish off the race well.

Cherie commented "That was impressive. Given that the other horses had fitness and experience from racing, SEAPORT LANE did everything today on his natural ability. I had him ready but not cranked on. SEAPORT LANE was blowing hard when he came back,

but that is to be expected. I couldn't be prouder of the horse, our Team and the ownership group. I wanted to thank everyone for being patient and allowing us to do right by SEAPORT LANE, because of that, we got the victory today and hopefully more to come!"

Jose commented "He broke sharp and that was it. I knew he was fast from working him and he has natural gate speed. He did that on his own. I could feel him getting a little tired in the stretch, but when that other horse came to him, he took off again. I can't ask for a horse to debut any better than that."

SEAPORT LANE cooled out well back at the barn and looked good so far. We will give SEAPORT LANE plenty of time to get over that effort and look for an allowance race to come back in with him before we leave New Orleans.

**RACE RECORD: 1-1-0-0 EARNINGS: \$35,400**



[▶ RACE REPLAY](#)



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RECENT NEWS & NOTABLE DATES

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**FASIG-TIPTON KY WINTER  
MIXED SALE  
FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>**



**OBS MARCH SALE  
2YOS IN TRAINING  
MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup> - 13<sup>TH</sup>**

*Trivia  
Question*

Q: Why does the Northern Hemisphere Thoroughbred breeding season start in mid-February?

ANSWER ON PAGE 8



Please make plans to join us in Ocala, FL  
**FEBRUARY 2-4<sup>TH</sup>**  
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 **FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>**

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



INVITATION  
for all  
**BELLADONNA  
PARTNERS**



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## *Around* THE TRACK



Seaport Lane



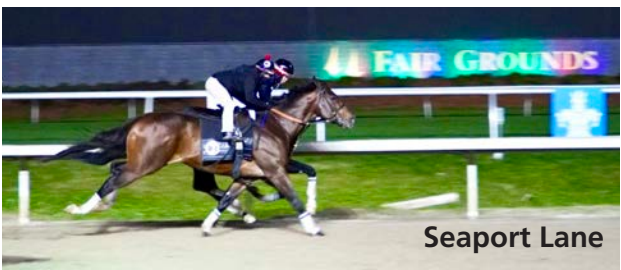
Mezcal Mule



Ahavah



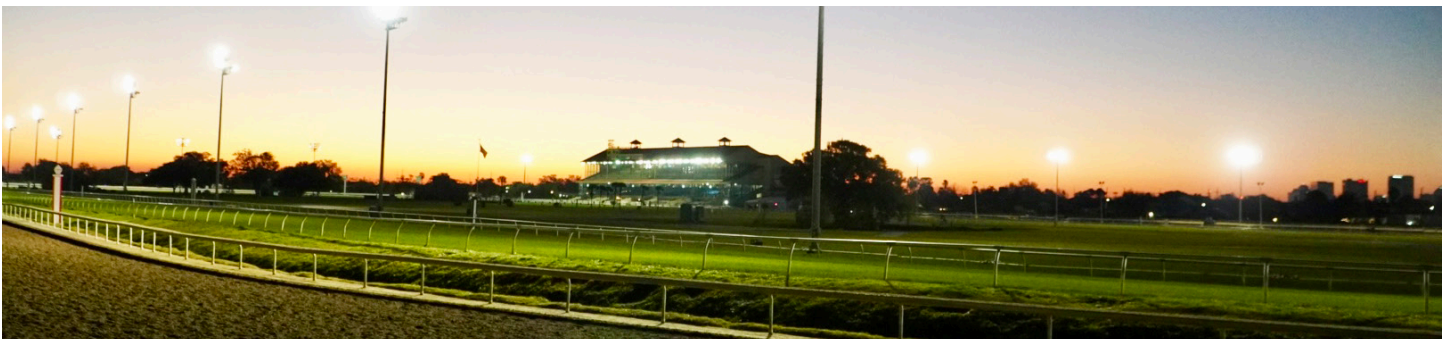
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Seaport Lane



Love and Poetry





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## *Around* THE TRACK



Ahavah



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Sands of War



Panache



Cromwell

A: To hopefully avoid having a foal born in December (January 1st is the NA universal birthday). A horse's gestation period is approximately 11 months.