

BALLENA VISTA FARM

Personal Attention Is Only The Beginning.....

We've come a long way since the Swycaffer family homesteaded 180+ acres for a cattle ranch in Ballena, California in the early days of the area in San Diego County now occupied by Ballena Vista Farm! Today, the 220+ acre showplace is one of the most beautiful and successful Thoroughbred operations on the West Coast.

Built with early-California ambiance using adobe and mission tile construction with particular attention to the smallest detail, a truly unique atmosphere was created for both visiting and year-round equine residents. By providing the best care for mares and foals, breaking and training of young horses, rehabilitation of injured horses, and sales preparation for horses of all ages, Ballena Vista Farm has become a nationally recognized facility.

State-of-the-art rehabilitation amenities include two covered 60-foot Aqua-Treadmills and a fully enclosed six horse free-moving Equi-Ciser. The Farm boasts irrigated grass pastures and individual paddocks of varying sizes, all with three-rail fencing centered in V-mesh wire. The 38-stall barn is constructed to provide plenty of ventilation, and each stall is equipped with a skylight, fly control, fire sprinkler system and an outside window. Two double-sized stalls with windows accessing the manager's residence allow for around-the-clock observation of foaling mares.

The Farm has a quarter-mile training track with starting gate, and an indoor round pen with fully-padded walls, ventilation, and client viewing area. Individually adjusted feed rations of the highest quality alfalfa and grain, together with top veterinary and farrier care, keep horses in the best possible condition.

The Farm's quality stallion roster is comparable to one which might be found at a Kentucky farm! Sea of Secrets, a top ranked juvenile sire both in California and in the Nation, just completed his second season at the Farm, covering 91 mares! A Grade 2 winner by the legendary Storm Cat, he is the sire of 21 stakes horses from his first four crops to race, including Principle Secret, Wollaston Bay, Secret Kin and Hurricane Bernie. His total progeny earnings exceed \$7-million.

As the only West Coast farm to introduce into this region prior to the 2007 breeding season both a G1 winner and a G1 sire, the Farm proudly welcomed the newest addition to its stallion roster, Super Derby-G1 and Travers-G1 winner and millionaire, Deputy Commander! A classic racehorse by classic sire Deputy Minister with progeny earnings over \$17-million, he is the sire of Ten Most Wanted (Travers-G1) as well graded stakes horses Deputy Glitters, Sweet Belle, Reporting for Duty and Golden Commander.

Millionaire Grade 1 winner Beau Genius continues to be a leader among California's active sires by N.A. earnings as the sire of 90 stakes horses with progeny earnings approaching \$31 million! He is the sire of multiple stakes winners Beau's Town, Takin It Deep and Centerofattention, along with Cal-bred stakes winners Snowdrop and Beaucardi, and stakes placed Bid of Genius and Sea Captain.

Continuing to expand and improve in order to better serve the needs of their equine population, during the past year the Farm added additional paddock accommodations in the form of 20 new covered sand pens, complete with tree-lined landscaped pathways. On the expansion agenda for 2008 is construction of a new stallion barn to house additions to the Farm's stud roster.

Farm Manager Manuel Ochoa, with 30-plus years in the industry, leads an experienced staff. Managing the office and handling stallion promotions is thoroughbred owner/breeder Vicki H. Rasmussen.

Ballena Vista Farm stands by its motto of "Personal Attention is Only the Beginning." With emailed updates and available digital photos, clients are able to easily obtain progress reports on their horses. Please visit the Farm's website at www.ballenavistafarm.com for further information and photos!