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# A New Heritage

*Drs. Bowman, Louis Merryman offer  
 new stallion operation in Maryland*

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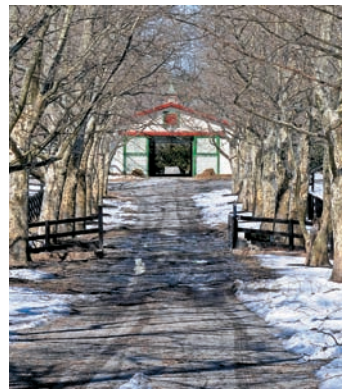
**JUST AS THE** Thoroughbred breeding industry in Maryland veered from the abyss, a pair of local upstarts with no land and no stallions have been quickly able to cobble together a new stud farm venture. Talk about market timing.

Veterinarian Dr. Brooke Bowman and horseman Louis Merryman both knew they wanted to combine forces and dive into something for themselves, and the time came in the fall of 2013. They hit the ground running and have quickly assembled the still-developing Heritage Stallions near Chesapeake City, Md.

Both have the experience and the pedigree to make it work. Bowman is the son of Dr. Thomas Bowman, a long-standing force in the state's breeding industry and one of the principals in the state's largest stud operation Northview Stallion Station. Merryman worked at Northview for eight years and was general manager of their two operations the last two breeding seasons.

The senior Dr. Bowman has since joined the Heritage team.

Their concept has a great chance of working, considering what has transpired in the last year for horsemen in the Free State. After much negotiat-



Top: Entrance to the new Heritage Stallions near Chesapeake City, Md; above, Dr. Brooke Bowman, left, and Louis Merryman

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# 2014 Leading Sires in New York

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1	<b>BLUEGRASS CAT</b> (03, Storm Cat), Rockridge Stud	\$7,500	94/12	0/0	0/0	(Rprettyboyfloyd, \$46,400)	<b>\$419,173</b>	*450	18	1.34	2.03
2	<b>CONGAREE</b> (98, Arazi), Saratoga Stud	\$7,500	24/4	3/4	0/3	(Jeranimo, \$124,000)	<b>\$337,539</b>	*306	15	1.36	1.47
3	<b>POSSE</b> (00, Silver Deputy), Rockridge Stud	\$5,000	61/8	1/1	0/1	(Apprehender, \$60,000)	<b>\$308,651</b>	*544	20	1.39	1.38
4	<b>FREUD</b> (98, Storm Cat), Sequel Stallions New York	\$10,000	41/9	0/0	0/0	(Bourbon Therapy, \$32,600)	<b>\$285,729</b>	*621	35	1.77	1.27
5	<b>NOBLE CAUSEWAY</b> (02, Giant's Causeway), Sequel Stallions New York	N/A	34/10	1/1	0/1	(Samraat, \$150,000)	<b>\$276,479</b>	195	5	0.72	1.09
6	<b>DISCO RICO</b> (97, Citidancer), Keane Stud Operations	\$5,000	20/7	0/0	0/0	(Marriedtothemusic, \$83,600)	<b>\$239,859</b>	239	9	1.31	1.23
7	<b>UTOPIA (JPN)</b> (00, Forty Niner), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	45/6	0/0	0/0	(First Ranger, \$40,060)	<b>\$190,242</b>	232	5	1.08	1.29
8	<b>POMEROY</b> (01, Boundary), Rockridge Stud	\$3,500	36/8	0/0	0/0	(Cay to Pomeroy, \$21,800)	<b>\$180,316</b>	*236	9	1.16	1.32
9	<b>HERE'S ZEALOUS</b> (97, Dehere), Kaz Hill Farm	\$1,000	24/4	0/0	0/0	(Green Gratto, \$54,600)	<b>\$149,480</b>	172	0	0.82	0.97
10	<b>BOB AND JOHN</b> (03, Seeking the Gold), Saratoga Stud	\$6,000	34/8	0/0	0/0	(Dimples, \$16,800)	<b>\$136,842</b>	*170	7	1.02	1.40
11	<b>STONESIDER</b> (03, Giant's Causeway), Saratoga Stud	\$3,500	21/3	0/0	0/0	(Sinistra, \$40,100)	<b>\$119,559</b>	*159	2	1.10	1.25
12	<b>BUSTIN STONES</b> (04, City Zip), Waldorf Farm	\$5,000	15/4	0/0	0/0	(Hot Stones, \$40,200)	<b>\$111,676</b>	65	0	1.41	1.58
13	<b>CATIENUS</b> (94, Storm Cat), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	34/5	0/0	0/0	(Let's Discuss, \$20,550)	<b>\$87,925</b>	*529	26	1.15	1.29
14	<b>FROST GIANT</b> (03, Giant's Causeway), Keane Stud Operations	\$10,000	17/2	0/0	0/0	(Loki's Vengeance, \$31,200)	<b>\$85,005</b>	*106	4	2.46	1.16
15	<b>LEWIS MICHAEL</b> (03, Rahy), Questroyal North	\$3,000	11/3	0/0	0/0	(Los Bambinos, \$28,800)	<b>\$76,249</b>	75	1	0.90	1.23
16	<b>TEUFLESBERG</b> (04, Johannesburg), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	15/4	0/0	0/0	(Hundred Acre Wood, \$13,636)	<b>\$69,962</b>	67	4	2.11	1.22
17	<b>GOLDEN MISSILE</b> (95, A.P. Indy), Milfer Farm	\$3,500	24/4	0/0	0/0	(Awesome Indy, \$9,600)	<b>\$61,855</b>	*616	15	1.06	1.57
18	<b>ALEX'S PAL</b> (99, Valid Expectations), Centennial Farm	\$3,500	9/0	0/0	0/0	(My Pal Chrisy, \$45,000)	<b>\$61,143</b>	88	2	1.32	0.95
19	<b>ANDROMEDA'S HERO</b> (02, Fusaichi Pegasus), Dutchess Views Farm	\$1,500	15/2	0/0	0/0	(Andromeda's Risk, \$20,500)	<b>\$58,128</b>	76	2	0.95	1.03
20	<b>MR. SEKIGUCHI</b> (03, Storm Cat), Mole's Hill Farm	\$2,500	12/4	0/0	0/0	(Sayonaray'all, \$11,400)	<b>\$55,098</b>	*82	1	0.91	1.30

ing, a revised plan for the state's breeding and racing programs was hammered out by the Maryland Racing Commission with the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, Maryland Horse Breeders Association, and the Maryland Jockey Club. It kicked in last Sept. 19. The plan, which has a strong breeder bonus and stallion bonus component, consists of a 10-year racing agreement between horsemen and the MJC and changes in the breed development program that came about to stem the tide of mares and stallions moving to other states where gaming revenue fuels purses. Dr. Thomas Bowman was at the forefront of the negotiations.

A best-case scenario will have local breeders returning mares to Maryland to be bred to Maryland stallions and have them stay and foal more Maryland-breds.

Heritage, which opened its breeding shed last month, is poised to take advantage of the influx with six stallions.

"It's a sea change here," said Josh Pons, president of the MHBA, whose family operates Country Life Farm near Bel Air. "What we have in Maryland is an intelligent racing commission that has the confidence of the guys in Annapolis (state's capital), so when it appointed this task force about a year and a half ago, it realized you have to

break the stranglehold on where the revenue from slots is going and program it to have the greatest impact on Maryland-breds.

"It all started with the racing commission and its activism and intelligence in putting the money in the right place. Everything is on the uptick here."



Dr. Thomas Bowman

With things on the move, the younger Bowman and Merryman took wing.

"Louis and I always thought there was a spot for what we are doing now, and if there was a time, it was 'now,'" said the 34-year-old Bowman. "We thought next year might be too late, so we have been rushing to try and do something this year. It's all come together so fast."

Knowing they had some backers including Larry Johnson, a Virginia farm owner and MHBA board member, Bowman and Merryman got busy. They were able to work with Frank Stronach's Adena Springs operation to acquire the nucleus of its stallion roster, but had nowhere to open or build a farm.

"We had a few places in mind, but they just didn't work," said Bowman.

And this was in November.

At the 11th hour an investment group purchased a farm nearby, and Bowman and Merryman leased the property that was once part of the original Windfields Farm, and later Robert Levy's Muirfield East, and the stallions were on their way three weeks later.

"We wanted to be on the front end of the wave and not the back end," said Merryman of their quick work to open up for the 2014 breeding season. "To be frank, we probably rushed things. We weren't ready, and we probably should have had more time to get our ducks in a

**Special Note For Sire Lists:**

For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in North America (stallions exported prior to the 2010 breeding season are excluded), and have runners in North America. All available statistics listed for the Northern Hemisphere through February 17, 2014. As supplied to *The Blood-Horse* by The Jockey Club Information Systems, Inc., earnings exclude monies from Japan and Hong Kong. Current year stakes winners include all N.H.-foaled stakes winners worldwide and any S.H.-foaled horses that won a N.H. stakes. \*Foal counts include Southern Hemisphere. Cumulative stakes winners includes all countries. (A ♯ indicates a sire represented by his first crop to race.)

\*AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX and COMPARABLE INDEX: Lifetime AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX indicates how much purse money the progeny of one sire has earned in relation to the average earnings of all runners in the same years; average earnings of all runners in any year is represented by an index of 1.00; COMPARABLE INDEX indicates the average earnings of progeny produced from mares bred to one sire, when these same mares were bred to other sires. Only 32% of all sires have a lifetime AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX higher than their mares' COMPARABLE INDEX.

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1	<b>E DUBAI</b> (98, Mr. Prospector), Northview Stallion Station	\$5,000	59/13	1/1	0/1	(Fordubai, \$60,000)	<b>\$373,772</b>	*841	31	1.37	1.23
2	<b>NOT FOR LOVE</b> (90, Mr. Prospector), Northview Stallion Station	\$15,000	46/12	0/0	0/0	(Steady N Love, \$48,130)	<b>\$267,048</b>	876	74	1.73	1.44
3	<b>ORIENTATE</b> (98, Mt. Livermore), Northview Stallion Station	\$5,000	65/15	0/0	0/0	(Night Maneuver, \$40,500)	<b>\$256,856</b>	*729	38	1.33	1.80
4	<b>LOUIS QUATORZE</b> (93, Sovereign Dancer), Murmur Farm	\$2,500	25/5	1/1	1/1	(Ribo Bobo, \$90,000)	<b>\$204,154</b>	*937	24	1.15	1.35
5	<b>GIACOMO</b> (02, Holy Bull), Heritage Stallions	\$5,000	40/5	0/0	0/0	(Classic Giacroll, \$52,500)	<b>\$184,153</b>	*250	13	1.18	1.32
6	<b>GREAT NOTION</b> (00, Elusive Quality), Northview Stallion Station	\$3,500	21/5	0/0	0/0	(Mass Destruction, \$41,243)	<b>\$168,834</b>	158	8	1.65	1.22
7	<b>PETIONVILLE</b> (92, Seeking the Gold), Murmur Farm	\$6,000	35/6	0/0	0/0	(Villette, \$40,320)	<b>\$167,471</b>	*659	46	1.35	1.26
8	<b>DANCE WITH RAVENS</b> (02, A.P. Indy), Northview Stallion Station	\$3,000	40/5	0/0	0/0	(Prospector's Heart, \$26,790)	<b>\$154,729</b>	300	9	1.21	1.48
9	<b>LION HEARTED</b> (96, Storm Cat), Northview Stallion Station	\$3,000	27/5	0/0	0/0	(Irish Lion, \$41,243)	<b>\$141,234</b>	*571	20	1.24	1.31
10	<b>OUTFLANKER</b> (94, Danzig), Shamrock Farm	\$3,000	23/6	0/0	0/0	(Joint Custody, \$20,000)	<b>\$136,753</b>	*502	23	1.41	1.16
11	<b>TWO PUNCH</b> (83, Mr. Prospector)	Died, 2011	24/3	0/0	0/0	(Inspired Say Eye, \$28,130)	<b>\$85,658</b>	*1098	56	1.43	1.40
12	<b>CHEROKEE'S BOY</b> (00, Citidancer), Murmur Farm	\$2,500	13/2	0/0	0/0	(Imanindianoutlaw, \$25,098)	<b>\$79,442</b>	82	1	1.25	1.09
13	<b>GATORS N BEARS</b> (00, Stormy Atlantic)	Died, 2012	12/3	0/0	0/0	(Grey Gator, \$29,160)	<b>\$62,125</b>	148	5	1.08	1.22
14	<b>SCIPION</b> (02, A.P. Indy), Murmur Farm	\$2,500	16/3	0/0	0/0	(Scipion's Girl, \$16,530)	<b>\$58,589</b>	93	2	1.18	1.08
15	<b>SHOWING UP</b> (03, Strategic Mission), Heritage Stallions	\$3,000	13/3	0/0	0/0	(Grownmencry, \$13,320)	<b>\$51,260</b>	*92	3	0.82	1.40

row, but I felt it was really important to be up and running this year.

"It was a whirlwind," he said. "I was putting grout on the tile of our office floor the night before our stallion show."

The stallion show was deemed a success with anywhere from 250 to 300 people in attendance.

The younger Bowman is a 2010 graduate of Ross University. His first year out of school he worked with Dr. Bill Riddle, a veterinarian surgeon in Maryland.

"My dad is pretty well known for reproduction work, and I really just wanted to see something different before I came home," he said. "Dr. Riddle has his own style. He's just so busy; you have to learn how to work the way he does. He's a little outside the way the textbooks do it, so it was nice to learn that. He's looking at 25-30 lamenesses a day. You can't put a price on that."

Merryman grew up breaking yearlings for his father, Edwin Merryman, but grew

quickly to 6' 4" by the time he was 15. That brought an end to his riding career.

"I went over to Murmur Farm and started working with the stallions," Merryman said. "That was pretty much it from then on. If I wasn't working with stallions, I worked with yearlings with Jeffry Morris for a period of time. My goal was to get as much experience with stallions and eventually try to do something on my own."

Merryman worked in Kentucky at Old Frankfort Stud, and in Kentucky and Australia for Ashford Stud/Coolmore, and then came back to Maryland to work at Northview as its stallion manager.

Merryman started Heritage after his eight-year run at Northview where he advanced from stallion manager to general manager of both its Maryland and Pennsylvania divisions.

And the reception to the new Heritage Stallions has been positive.

"Anybody who is your friend isn't going to come up to you and tell you how stupid

you are, but almost everybody says it's great to have a new farm; it's great to have new stallions," said the elder Dr. Bowman. "Heritage should not be looked at as a single entry; it's a by-product of the new program."

The farm can draw on familiar names in the storied history of Maryland racing and breeding.

"I have a lot of really close ties to a lot of people and family in the state. And the Bowmans, they have their people that have been with them and loyal to them for years," Merryman said. "When you put those two groups together, that is a substantial amount of people."

Those people will have six stallions to choose from at Heritage, with four of them having ties to Adena: Giacomo, Hunters Bay, Plan, and Showing Up. The other two are first-year stallion Despite the Odds and Street Magician, who previously stood at Northview Stallion Station in Maryland.

Thomas Bowman had the original connections with Adena Springs and owner Frank Stronach. Stronach also is the majority owner of the Maryland Jockey Club. Bowman and the top brass from The Stronach Group were key players in hammering out the agreement, so there was a strong connection and mutual respect between the parties.

"The relationship with Heritage came through Dr. Bowman and his stature and presence in Maryland and willingness to work with Mr. Stronach and try to get some of the positive things going in Maryland," said Eric Hamelback, general manager of Adena Springs near Paris, Ky. "It was a matter of connection with Mike Rogers and Dermot Carty, who added contract relations and getting everything done. Adena Springs and Mr. Stronach are committed to supporting Maryland breeding.



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1	<b>ANY GIVEN SATURDAY</b> (04, Distorted Humor), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$5,000	71/18	0/0	0/0	(Saturday Nthe Park, \$51,630)	<b>\$521,320</b>	*409	9	1.14	1.51
2	<b>ROCKPORT HARBOR</b> (02, Unbridled's Song), Pin Oak Lane Farm	Died, 2013	84/13	1/1	0/1	(Majestic Harbor, \$58,000)	<b>\$482,240</b>	380	22	1.40	1.49
3	<b>JUMP START</b> (99, A.P. Indy), Northview PA	\$10,000	46/11	2/2	1/2	(Start Jumping, \$65,000)	<b>\$471,384</b>	*821	38	1.56	1.35
4	<b>CORINTHIAN</b> (03, Pulpit), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$4,000	73/20	0/0	0/0	(Frivolity, \$25,650)	<b>\$347,603</b>	*398	6	0.92	1.41
5	<b>OFFLEE WILD</b> (00, Wild Again), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$4,000	48/10	0/0	0/0	(Bayern, \$68,400)	<b>\$270,355</b>	*300	9	1.30	1.28
6	<b>SILVER TRAIN</b> (02, Old Trieste), Northview PA	Died, 2013	78/13	0/0	0/0	(Precious Metal, \$21,000)	<b>\$237,048</b>	*322	15	1.07	1.36
7	<b>SMARTY JONES</b> (01, Elusive Quality), Northview PA	\$7,500	36/8	0/0	0/0	(Old Time Hockey, \$30,000)	<b>\$210,582</b>	*479	23	1.71	2.16
8	<b>FLASHY BULL</b> (03, Holy Bull), Penn Ridge Farms	\$4,500	41/10	0/0	0/0	(Pink Flash, \$39,700)	<b>\$161,006</b>	188	4	1.21	1.21
9	<b>ALBERT THE GREAT</b> (97, Go for Gin), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$2,500	21/6	0/0	0/0	(Moonshine Mullin, \$41,100)	<b>\$130,442</b>	*354	9	1.15	1.16
10	<b>REAL QUIET</b> (95, Quiet American)	Died, 2010	17/4	0/0	0/0	(Where's Rosie B, \$48,000)	<b>\$121,298</b>	*623	15	1.20	1.23
11	<b>MEDALLIST</b> (01, Touch Gold), Northview PA	\$2,500	19/5	0/0	0/0	(Horizontalyspeakin, \$36,000)	<b>\$117,437</b>	173	6	1.32	1.45
12	<b>GIMMEAWINK</b> (00, Elusive Quality), Mountain Springs Racing Stable	\$2,500	27/8	0/0	0/0	(Winkatdawaw, \$33,600)	<b>\$117,293</b>	*195	2	0.81	1.10
13	<b>FAIRBANKS</b> (03, Giant's Causeway), Northview PA	\$3,500	34/5	0/0	0/0	(Passionforall, \$20,160)	<b>\$101,300</b>	141	1	0.98	1.34
14	<b>WISEMAN'S FERRY</b> (99, Hennessy), Dana Point Farm	\$5,000	21/5	0/0	0/0	(Quiz Whiz, \$22,980)	<b>\$81,909</b>	*272	6	1.71	1.08
15	<b>TALENT SEARCH</b> (03, Catienus), Diamond B Farm	\$2,500	10/3	0/0	0/0	(Forbidden Talent, \$20,400)	<b>\$74,313</b>	52	0	1.00	1.41
16	<b>WEIGELIA</b> (01, Safely's Mark), WynOaks Farm	\$3,500	15/3	0/0	0/0	(Brenda's Way, \$28,130)	<b>\$72,760</b>	53	2	1.16	1.04
17	<b>RIMROD</b> (00, Danzig), Castle Rock Farm	\$1,500	13/2	0/0	0/0	(Averyon, \$17,175)	<b>\$64,843</b>	81	2	1.52	1.18
18	<b>INVISIBLE INK</b> (98, Thunder Gulch)	Died, 2011	11/4	0/0	0/0	(Adios Nardo, \$25,000)	<b>\$62,211</b>	*109	5	0.88	1.21
19	<b>LOVE OF MONEY</b> (01, Not For Love)	Died, 2012	16/2	0/0	0/0	(Wire Funds, \$16,813)	<b>\$48,630</b>	107	2	1.08	1.24
20	<b>TRAJECTORY</b> (97, Gone West), Mountain Springs Racing Stable	\$3,500	11/4	0/0	0/0	(Sunshine Jenny, \$10,320)	<b>\$48,313</b>	361	14	1.10	1.36

“Louis (Merryman) has a long-term commitment in Maryland. He’s very well known; very well-liked. He has what it takes, and we’re happy they are managing our stallions.”

The younger Dr. Bowman traveled to Adena Springs in Canada at the end of October to look at some of the stallions and to talk over terms.

“They had Showing Up and Plan, but I figured we needed something with a name on it,” Brooke Bowman said. “Some people know Showing Up; some don’t. Plan is an awesome-looking horse that has a super pedigree, but not many people know much about him. They said, ‘What about Giacomo?’ And then Hunters Bay came along as well. Then we had a stallion roster.”

Giacomo, winner of the 2005 Kentucky Derby (gr. I), was the plum of the deal. The son of Holy Bull—Set Them Free, by Stop the Music, began his stud career at Adena Springs in Kentucky, then spent three years at Magali Farms in California before returning to the Bluegrass State for the 2013 season. He’ll stand the 2014 season for \$5,000 at Heritage.

He’s the sire of 14 stakes winners including multiple Mexican champion Go Vivian Go and grade II winner Disposablepleasure.

Showing Up, an 11-year-old son of Strategic Mission—Miss Alethia, by T.V. Commercial, won seven of 10 starts in a two-year racing career for Lael Stables and trainer Barclay Tagg. The stablemate of the legendary Barbaro, Showing

Up won the Coolmore Lexington Stakes (gr. II) before running in the Derby and later added a pair of grade I wins on the turf in the Secretariat Stakes and Hollywood Derby. He has stood at both Adena Springs South and Adena Springs Canada and will stand for \$3,000 at Heritage. He ranked among the top 35 leading second-crop sires of 2013.

Hunters Bay is a 7-year-old son of Stornach’s 2004 Horse of the Year Ghostzapper out of multiple grade II winner and millionaire Smok’n Frolic (by Smoke Glacken). He won six of 14 starts for Adena Springs and was named Canada’s champion older male in 2012 after winning the Dominion Day and Eclipse stakes (both Can-III) and running second to Horse of the Year Wise Dan in the Ricoh Woodbine Mile (Can-IT). His initial fee for 2014 is \$6,000.

Plan (Storm Cat—Spain, by Thunder Gulch), who will stand for \$4,000, is a grade III winner by one of the most influential stallions in pedigrees today and out of a Breeders’ Cup Distaff (gr. I) winner and earner of more than \$3.5 million. He won the Keeneland International Stakes (Ire-III) at 3 and also placed in the Secretariat Stakes in the U.S. He has previously stood at both Adena Springs Kentucky and Adena Springs Canada.

Despite the Odds raced for Larry Johnson, Mike Ryan, and Gerry Dilger. Trained by Michael Trombetta, the son of top sire Speightstown—Lady Aloma, by Cozzene, won the grade III Hill Prince Stakes at Belmont Park in 2009 and placed in three other added-money races. Despite the Odds is a half brother to Canadian champion grass female Chopinina, and Lady



Hunters Bay on display at the Heritage Stallions open house earlier this year

Aloma is a half sister to Canadian Horse of the Year and classic winner Benburb.

Street Magician is a 10-year-old son of Street Cry out of the Meadowlake mare Magical Meadow. He won three stakes among his five wins in 10 starts and should be familiar to Marylanders as winner of the six-furlong Hirsch Jacobs Stakes (gr. III) at Pimlico in 2007 and the Karl Boyes Memorial Northwestern PA Stakes in track record time at Presque Isle Downs.

"The Maryland industry includes a whole bunch of people that are not commercial breeders and are not consignors," said Merryman. "They are little guys. I know a guy who drives a truck for UPS at night and trains in the morning. He has two horses. Owner/breeder/trainers that have one and two horses, love their racehorses.

"We've put together a group of stallions that will really appeal to them," he said. "These are some hard-knocking racehorses—the kind of horses those guys are looking for."

When the breeding shed had its traditional Feb. 15 opening, the boys at Heritage were ready but knew it wouldn't be easy.

"We've gotten nothing but positive remarks," said Merryman. "A whole lot of people have said just for the sake of competition we needed another stallion operation in Maryland.

"I used to run both Northview farms and contracts would just roll in to the Pennsylvania farm in January," he said. "You had to have a handle on where you could be. I really don't think the Maryland guys are that worried about January and February foals. The Maryland farm con-



2005 Kentucky Derby winner Giacomo stands at Heritage Stallions

tracts would really pick up in March. The second or third week of March is when we will really be able to measure what the business response is going to be."

The elder Dr. Bowman believes progress will be slow and steady, with the fruits of their labor coming several years down the road.

"I've been around long enough to know things don't happen at warp speed," he said. "Changes don't occur overnight. We've been working on this breeding program for years and years and the recep-

tion is like it's been an overnight success. I don't think we'll see the effect in just six months.

"The business is going more and more to the smaller breeder/owner operations because that cycle of breeding any old mare and getting \$25,000-\$50,000 for a yearling is gone. Most people love this business and want to find a way to stay in it."

And you have to be in it to stay in it. The Heritage boys have made the starting gate. They're off to the races. **BH**

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