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Quite a View

*Bob and Bonnie Roth are taking
 Majestic View Farms commercial*

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Bob and Bonnie Roth in the office of their Majestic View Farms

NEARLY 20 YEARS AGO Bob and Bonnie Roth happened to drive past Blue Chip Farm, located outside Gardiner, north of New York City. One of the premier Standardbred racing and breeding operations in the United States, it wasn't far from where the Roths, Long Island natives, had moved, and from where Bonnie had grown up after her parents had moved north.

"It was a beautiful piece of land," Bonnie remembered, "and every time we'd come to Gardiner we'd go look at it."

As she recalls, one day when they were looking at the farm, Bob learned it was for sale. He walked back to where Bonnie was standing and said, "Bonnie, we're going to own a farm."

Her reaction?

"I said, 'Good!'" she exclaimed, that initial delight still in her voice.

Her parents had moved to the area when she was in high school, and Bob would make the trip from Long Island to see her on weekends. After they were married, they moved back to Long Island but succumbed to the lure of the country before long.

Bob had begun riding horses when he was 8 years old, and he continued to ride when the Roths moved upstate. The first horses on their farm were Peruvians; continuing the Blue Chip tradition, the land the Roths named Majestic View Farms also housed Standardbreds. Several years ago the Thoroughbreds arrived.

"My husband has always loved Thoroughbreds," said Bonnie. "I call them the Cadillac of horses."

Unlike many other people who get involved in the Thoroughbred industry, the Roths previously had little interest in

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|------|--|---------------|------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | | | | | | | | Foals | Stks Wnrs | A-E Index | Comp Index |
| 1 | FROST GIANT (03, Giant's Causeway), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions | \$5,000 | 45/8 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Giant Expectations, \$650,000) | \$939,320 | *377 | 11 | 1.20 | 1.17 |
| 2 | FREUD (98, Storm Cat), Sequel Stallions New York | \$7,500 | 46/9 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Sharp Azteca, \$650,000) | \$877,747 | *1207 | 46 | 1.57 | 1.26 |
| 3 | BELLAMY ROAD (02, Concerto), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions | \$6,000 | 65/12 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Total Control, \$36,000) | \$345,122 | *606 | 27 | 1.20 | 1.28 |
| 4 | DESERT PARTY (06, Street Cry), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions | \$2,500 | 50/11 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Orchid Party, \$32,800) | \$268,619 | 215 | 5 | 0.93 | 1.39 |
| 5 | HOLD ME BACK (06, Giant's Causeway) | N/A | 50/14 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Sheltowee's Posse, \$38,400) | \$265,916 | 288 | 8 | 1.07 | 1.15 |
| 6 | MISSION IMPAZIBLE (07, Unbridled's Song), Sequel Stallions New York | \$7,500 | 32/5 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (She's Delightful, \$34,200) | \$230,634 | 134 | 2 | 1.22 | 1.14 |
| 7 | BIG BROWN (05, Boundary), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions | \$6,000 | 55/13 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Monsieur Brown, \$31,680) | \$198,525 | *678 | 20 | 1.13 | 1.57 |
| 8 | BUSTIN STONES (04, City Zip), Waldorf Farm | \$5,000 | 25/5 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Fair Regis, \$31,800) | \$147,316 | 188 | 6 | 1.34 | 1.39 |
| 9 | BOYS AT TOSCONOVA (08, Officer), Questroyal North | \$2,500 | 9/4 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (My Boy Tate, \$60,000) | \$136,469 | 59 | 1 | 1.08 | 1.26 |
| 10 | DUBLIN (07, Afleet Alex), Keane Stud | \$2,500 | 27/5 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Lettersfromdublin, \$16,650) | \$112,875 | 163 | 2 | 1.03 | 1.20 |
| 11 | COURAGEOUS CAT (06, Storm Cat), Questroyal North | \$6,000 | 26/4 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (Winter Renaissance, \$15,998) | \$86,540 | 176 | 3 | 0.98 | 1.14 |
| 12 | TRINNIBERG (09, Teuflesberg), Rockridge Stud | \$3,500 | 5/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Belleville Spring, \$44,000) | \$78,802 | *30 | 1 | 1.09 | 1.64 |
| 13 | SOARING EMPIRE (07, Empire Maker), Rockridge Stud | \$2,500 | 8/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (For Pops, \$28,594) | \$72,147 | 54 | 0 | 0.86 | 1.10 |
| 14 | TEUFLESBERG (04, Johannesburg), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds | \$5,000 | 15/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Dominic's Smile, \$23,400) | \$51,488 | 120 | 4 | 1.39 | 1.14 |
| 15 | HERE'S ZEALOUS (97, Dehere), Kaz Hill Farm | \$1,000 | 11/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Mighty Zealous, \$14,750) | \$47,939 | 193 | 1 | 1.06 | 0.97 |
| 16 | MIDAS TOUCH (GB) (07, Galileo) | N/A | 6/1 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (Primo Touch, \$44,795) | \$46,683 | *45 | 1 | 0.50 | 0.91 |
| 17 | FORTY TALES (10, Tale of the Cat), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds | Private | 4/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Transistor, \$25,300) | \$40,480 | 39 | 0 | 0.69 | 1.28 |
| 18 | GIANT SURPRISE (09, Giant's Causeway), Rockridge Stud | \$4,000 | 6/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Surprise Wonder, \$27,600) | \$40,460 | 48 | 2 | 1.90 | 1.26 |
| 19 | D' FUNNYBONE (07, D'wildcat), Rockridge Stud | \$2,500 | 11/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Nobody Move, \$11,800) | \$30,262 | *69 | 2 | 1.12 | 1.30 |
| 20 | CONGRESSIONALHONOR (01, Forestry) | N/A | 2/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Superling, \$26,460) | \$28,380 | 161 | 1 | 0.74 | 0.92 |
| 21 | DISCO RICO (97, Citidancer) | Died, 2014 | 9/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Captain Gaughen, \$13,200) | \$27,815 | 268 | 12 | 1.39 | 1.20 |
| 22 | BANK HEIST (07, Maria's Mon), Kaz Hill Farm | \$5,000 | 5/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Merger of Banks, \$12,550) | \$22,824 | 40 | 1 | 1.05 | 1.36 |
| 23 | NOBLE CAUSEWAY (02, Giant's Causeway) | Died, 2014 | 15/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Prom Theme, \$8,520) | \$21,665 | 244 | 9 | 0.78 | 1.06 |
| 24 | SIR WHIMSEY (04, Jump Start), Mill Creek Farm | Private | 2/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (The Cake Is a Lie, \$18,900) | \$21,600 | 12 | 1 | 1.13 | 1.06 |
| 25 | THE CLIFF'S EDGE (01, Gulch) | Pnsd | 4/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Gabbi's Amor, \$14,580) | \$19,148 | 245 | 4 | 0.79 | 1.14 |
| 26 | MR. SEKIGUCHI (03, Storm Cat) | N/A | 6/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Pacific Image, \$9,600) | \$16,810 | *95 | 2 | 0.98 | 1.19 |
| 27 | COSMONAUT (02, Lemon Drop Kid) | Pnsd | 8/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Wonderment, \$10,000) | \$15,983 | 97 | 2 | 1.03 | 1.03 |
| 28 | WICKED RICH (06, Yes It's True) | N/A | 3/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Ogeechee, \$9,000) | \$11,560 | 16 | 0 | 0.59 | 1.28 |

racing; they went to the races occasionally, and, according to Bob, one of the reasons they decided to embark on the venture was because they thought it “would be fun” to go to Kentucky for the Bluegrass Thoroughbred experience.

Working full-time and owning a farm, however, didn't leave much time for that; Bob is vice-president of a company that manufactures and packages a wide array of private-label cosmetics and personal care products, and on a morning in early February, he was unable to come to the phone because he was outside shoveling snow. The farm boards a couple of dozen

mares and houses two stallions—Make Reservations and Trickmeister. The Roths hired Jaime Martin, a veteran of both the racetrack and a breeding farm, to oversee Majestic View Farms' equine operations, and, said Bob, they pretty much leave all the details to him.

“Bonnie does all the paperwork,” Bob said. “I run the financial end, and Jaime and Beth handle the day-to-day operations. We're like a family. We're very close to both of them, and it all works.”

The farm's assistant manager, Beth Sickler, came to Majestic View Farms after a stint at Dutchess Views Farm near Pine

Plains, N.Y. She grew up in the Hudson Valley, loved riding, and pursued a career as a jockey at the North American Racing Academy in Lexington. After a bad gate accident, she decided life as a jockey was not what she wanted, and she got a job at Dutchess Views, where she learned how to work with babies and was told her quiet demeanor made her a natural to work with mares and foals.

“I like seeing when they're born and seeing them grow up and go off to start their careers,” said Sickler. “If they do well, I think back: ‘I was there when that foal was born, that one had a hard time, that one's ankles were down.’ I think about feeding them every hour for three days and then see them as yearlings, as perfect as perfect can be.”

While at Dutchess Views, Sickler worked in the barn and in the breeding shed, trained in vaccinations and foaling, and learned the office side of a breeding operation. It was there that she met Martin, who was the farm manager at the time.

Dutchess Views was Martin's final stop before Majestic View after working at a number of New York farms. He began his career in racing in California, where he was an exercise rider at Hollywood Park and Santa Anita. The Roths hired



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| 1 | JUMP START (99, A.P. Indy), Northview PA | \$10,000 | 64/11 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Startwithsilver, \$95,400) | \$459,680 | *1353 | 42 | 1.45 | 1.30 | |
| 2 | WEIGELIA (01, Safely's Mark), WynOaks Farm | \$3,500 | 20/10 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Risque's Diamond, \$40,890) | \$261,926 | **106 | 5 | 1.41 | 1.02 | |
| 3 | EL PADRINO (09, Pulpit), Northview PA | Died, 2017 | 13/6 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Whereshetoldmetogo, \$40,612) | \$186,307 | | 91 | 0 | 1.31 | 1.30 |
| 4 | SILVER TRAIN (02, Old Trieste) | Died, 2013 | 30/6 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Devine Dental, \$27,070) | \$125,699 | *533 | 12 | 1.03 | 1.28 | |
| 5 | CROWN OF THORNS (05, Repent), Equistar Training Center | \$2,000 | 18/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (He Wears the Crown, \$18,047) | \$81,293 | | 49 | 1 | 0.82 | 1.13 |
| 6 | LORD SHANAKILL (06, Speightstown), Pin Oak Lane Farm | \$3,500 | 26/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Themis, \$23,701) | \$79,710 | | 174 | 2 | 1.13 | 0.90 |
| 7 | TALENT SEARCH (03, Catienus), Diamond B Farm | \$2,500 | 21/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (The Big Giant Head, \$17,640) | \$79,695 | *141 | 2 | 1.05 | 1.22 | |
| 8 | RIMROD (00, Danzig), Castle Rock Farm | \$1,500 | 11/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Cheverie, \$13,717) | \$61,178 | | 111 | 2 | 1.27 | 1.16 |
| 9 | CAL NATION (08, Distorted Humor), Kingfisher Lane Farm | \$2,500 | 10/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Parade of Nations, \$18,423) | \$55,255 | | 44 | 0 | 1.07 | 1.15 |
| 10 | UPTOWNCHARLYBROWN (07, Limehouse), Diamond B Farm | \$1,500 | 4/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (True Sweetheart, \$16,210) | \$45,800 | | 27 | 0 | 1.71 | 0.81 |
| 11 | GOT THE LAST LAUGH (04, Distorted Humor), Diamond B Farm | \$2,500 | 6/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (I'm Sleeping In, \$19,050) | \$44,610 | | 51 | 0 | 1.21 | 1.14 |
| 12 | ANDIRON (06, A.P. Indy), Xanthus Farms, Inc. | \$2,000 | 10/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Roxbury N Overton, \$28,090) | \$44,164 | | 45 | 1 | 0.94 | 0.58 |
| 13 | FORMAL DINNER (88, Well Decorated) | Pnsd | 2/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Formal Class, \$40,968) | \$41,928 | *639 | 23 | 1.07 | 1.09 | |
| 14 | BULLSBAY (04, Tiznow), Northview PA | \$3,000 | 9/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Horseshoe Harbour, \$12,315) | \$35,485 | | 70 | 3 | 1.37 | 1.25 |
| 15 | LITE THE FUSE (91, Buckaroo) | Pnsd | 8/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Hygh Life, \$22,889) | \$34,615 | | 549 | 22 | 1.21 | 1.16 |
| 16 | ALBERT THE GREAT (97, Go for Gin) | Pnsd | 8/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Al Do Great, \$10,128) | \$34,155 | *405 | 8 | 1.12 | 1.12 | |
| 17 | CITY SHARPSTER (99, Carson City) | N/A | 8/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Colirubia, \$8,872) | \$41,739 | | 63 | 0 | 0.75 | 0.69 |
| 18 | SHOW TUNE (04, Unbridled's Song), Safe Haven Equine | \$1,500 | 3/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Wonderfully Tuned, \$24,472) | \$24,632 | | 57 | 0 | 0.60 | 1.00 |
| 19 | MEDALLIST (01, Touch Gold), Northview PA | \$2,000 | 11/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Hashtag Selfie, \$12,015) | \$24,454 | | 198 | 7 | 1.27 | 1.35 |
| 20 | ACTIVIST (94, Wild Again) | N/A | 6/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (All About Dreaming, \$13,032) | \$22,443 | | 188 | 3 | 0.91 | 0.87 |
| 21 | WISEMAN'S FERRY (99, Hennessy) | Died, 2015 | 8/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Black Prong, \$7,730) | \$20,887 | *307 | 6 | 1.61 | 1.05 | |
| 22 | MAD FLATTER (05, Flatter) | Died, 2016 | 5/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Abuela Loca, \$15,120) | \$18,004 | | 40 | 0 | 0.96 | 1.32 |
| 23 | LYRACIST (96, Sultry Song) | N/A | 3/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Mousetrap, \$15,120) | \$17,460 | | 25 | 0 | 0.87 | 1.10 |
| 24 | POWER BY FAR (95, Power of Mind), Castle Rock Farm | \$1,500 | 1/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Powerful Sun, \$14,172) | \$14,172 | | 114 | 2 | 1.25 | 1.16 |
| 25 | IN THE WOODS (04, Forest Wildcat), Xanthus Farms, Inc. | \$1,500 | 5/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Banana Kova, \$10,368) | \$12,302 | | 27 | 0 | 0.57 | 1.22 |

him two years ago.

The farm is home to about 70 horses, including yearlings, broodmares, and 2-year-olds, owned by the Roths and clients, whom Martin requires keep their mares at the farm year-round.

Martin recently purchased two mares for the Roths. Them There Eyes is a multiple New York-bred stakes-winning mare bred by the late John Hettinger at his Akindale Farm. By Holy Bull out of the D'Accord mare So Long Dearie, Them

There Eyes earned \$289,300 and is a half sister to My Dinah, a multiple stakes winner with earnings of more than \$450,000, and to Cayo Hueso, who earned more than \$250,000.

Them There Eyes' most successful offspring so far is the 2011 Grand Slam gelding Balderdash who earned \$118,354. She has a Big Brown yearling filly named Big Brown Eyes and will be bred this year to Central Banker, who stands at McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds near Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Joining Them There Eyes is Prairie Trip, an 11-year-old Florida-bred mare by Trippi out of Prairie View (by Honor Grades), who earned \$174,959 in 56 starts. She is in foal to Dutchess Views Farm stallion Bellamy Road.

"She didn't win any stakes races," said Martin, "but I like her endurance."

He expects to buy two or three more mares for the Roths this year. As Majestic View will be a commercial breeder, Martin is looking at Kentucky- or New York-bred broodmares in foal to Kentucky stallions,



Farm manager Jaime Martin, left, and assistant manager Beth Sickler

Special Note For Sire Lists:

For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in the states featured in this section (stallions that are dead or exported prior to 2014 are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available statistics for the Northern Hemisphere through February 18, 2018. As supplied to *BloodHorse* by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc., lists include adjusted money from Japan, Hong Kong, and Singapore. Adjusted earnings are put on par with average North American earnings from the previous year. For example, the average North American purse in 2017 is \$22,593 or 47% of the 2017 average purse in Japan. To put earnings on par, all Japanese progeny earnings are multiplied by 47% before being credited to a sire's progeny earnings. Hong Kong earnings are adjusted by 15%; Singapore by 68%. Current year stakes winners include all Northern Hemisphere black-type stakes results from all available countries. *Foal counts include Southern Hemisphere. Cumulative stakes winners include all countries.

*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 | FRIESAN FIRE (06, A.P. Indy), Country Life Farm | \$4,000 | 42/5 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Forest Fire, \$61,740) | \$260,623 | 168 | 2 | 1.14 | 1.28 |
| 2 | GREAT NOTION (00, Elusive Quality), Northview Stallion Station | \$5,000 | 34/7 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Lewisfield, \$33,345) | \$226,241 | 307 | 15 | 1.51 | 1.22 |
| 3 | NOT FOR LOVE (90, Mr. Prospector) | Died, 2016 | 36/7 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Torch of Truth, \$24,453) | \$174,758 | 974 | 81 | 1.67 | 1.44 |
| 4 | ORIENTATE (98, Mt. Livermore), Northview Stallion Station | Pnsd | 22/4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Betterbringuragame, \$23,520) | \$119,560 | *829 | 32 | 1.24 | 1.60 |
| 5 | PETIONVILLE (92, Seeking the Gold), Murmur Farm | \$4,000 | 22/5 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Island Romance, \$18,960) | \$110,036 | *738 | 42 | 1.27 | 1.26 |
| 6 | FREEDOM CHILD (10, Malibu Moon), Country Life Farm | \$3,000 | 9/1 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (Limited View, \$60,000) | \$107,122 | 51 | 1 | 1.47 | 1.47 |
| 7 | STREET MAGICIAN (04, Street Cry), Legacy Farm Stallions Standing at Roland Farm | \$3,000 | 18/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Up Hill Battle, \$26,790) | \$88,183 | 123 | 3 | 1.16 | 1.33 |
| 8 | REDEEMED (08, Include), Northview Stallion Station | \$3,000 | 14/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Pikachu Princess, \$22,932) | \$76,256 | 75 | 0 | 0.98 | 1.05 |
| 9 | ETCHED (05, Forestry), Bonita Farm | \$2,000 | 6/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Tattooed, \$25,713) | \$52,667 | 42 | 1 | 0.67 | 1.05 |
| 10 | DESPITE THE ODDS (06, Speightstown), Legacy Farm Stallions Standing at Roland Farm | \$1,000 | 7/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Port Louis, \$18,942) | \$52,234 | 42 | 0 | 0.80 | 1.30 |
| 11 | LION HEARTED (96, Storm Cat) | Died, 2015 | 13/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Tricky Lion, \$23,800) | \$50,541 | *624 | 18 | 1.18 | 1.27 |
| 12 | NICANOR (06, Dynaformer), Shamrock Farm | \$2,000 | 5/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Lngtermrelationship, \$25,420) | \$43,690 | 32 | 0 | 0.37 | 0.96 |
| 13 | OUTFLANKER (94, Danzig), Shamrock Farm | \$3,000 | 9/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Silver Slippers, \$15,950) | \$43,525 | *554 | 21 | 1.34 | 1.13 |
| 14 | ADMIRAL ALEX (07, Afleet Alex) | N/A | 3/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Admiral Blue, \$40,535) | \$42,064 | 15 | 0 | 0.79 | 0.86 |
| 15 | LOUIS QUATORZE (93, Sovereign Dancer) | Pnsd | 8/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Crookit, \$11,865) | \$32,294 | *989 | 21 | 1.14 | 1.30 |
| 16 | CHEROKEE'S BOY (00, Citidancer) | Pnsd | 9/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Jah Grace, \$16,302) | \$30,777 | 104 | 1 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 17 | ETERNAL STAR (04, Five Star Day) | Died, 2013 | 2/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Call Me a Star, \$22,800) | \$22,800 | 14 | 0 | 0.48 | 0.65 |
| 18 | M EIGHTY (99, Lite the Fuse) | N/A | 1/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Star Eighty, \$20,025) | \$20,025 | 15 | 0 | 1.30 | 0.89 |
| 19 | BALTIMORE BOB (05, Malibu Moon), Shamrock Farm | \$2,500 | 1/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Baltimore Street, \$17,355) | \$17,355 | 23 | 0 | 1.75 | 1.07 |
| 20 | SCIPION (02, A.P. Indy), Murmur Farm | \$2,500 | 10/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (In Arrears, \$6,552) | \$13,598 | 141 | 3 | 1.06 | 1.05 |

even as he supports New York stallions with the farm's current mares.

"I rely on Jaime," said Bob Roth. "He's more knowledgeable about horses than I will ever be."

"He's taken us to a new level," added



Top: Martin has a long résumé of managing New York farms; above, below the mountain

Bonnie. "We're really proud and happy to have him with us."

The farm currently supports itself with the boarding fees paid by outside clients, and Martin hopes to create a program that will stay small enough to be manageable while big enough to be profitable.

"I don't want to overdo it with boarding mares," he said. "I want the farm and the grass to look nice, but we've got to treat the farm like a business. We can't keep all the foals."

And that's the hard part for Bonnie Roth, particularly when the foals that are arriving belong to other people.

"One day Bob came into the breakfast room and I was sitting there, looking out at the farm and crying," she said. "Why

are you crying?" he asked.

"Look at these babies," I said. "They've only known Majestic View Farms, and I've known them since they were conceived. They know me."

"He said, 'Bonnie, I don't know how to break this to you, but I can't buy all of them!'"

She laughed.

"He told me not to get so close to them," she said. "But I feel like they're mine, and I love my animals."

And soon Bonnie will have a number of foals to call her own—at least temporarily—out of her and Bob's mares and by their stallions. They purchased Kentucky-bred winner Trickmeister (Proud Citizen—Afternoon Trick, by Afternoon Deelites) and Make Reservations (Tapit—Formal Reception, by Unbridled), who made only one start, finishing second, his career cut short by injury.

"We started to board Thoroughbreds after Jaime came to the farm," said Bonnie. "That's when Bob said to him, 'If you ever see anything you think I'd be interested in, let me know.'"

"Make Reservations couldn't prove himself on the track because he got hurt," she added. "But we think with Tapit and Unbridled in his bloodlines, he's going to be a good stallion."

As part of their renovation and development of the farm, the Roths have added what Bonnie called a "state-of-the-art" stallion barn and lab and renovated all

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|------|---|---------------|------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-------|------------|-----------|------------|
| | | | | | | | | | Stks Wnrs | A-E Index | Comp Index |
| 1 | FIBER SONDE (05, Unbridled's Song), Beau Ridge Farm | \$1,000 | 38/11 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Court Date, \$16,710) | \$219,653 | 206 | 8 | 1.20 | 0.81 |
| 2 | WINDSOR CASTLE (98, Lord Carson), Taylor Mountain Farm | \$2,000 | 47/11 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (William and Mary, \$43,740) | \$211,265 | 337 | 12 | 1.02 | 1.00 |
| 3 | CHARITABLE MAN (06, Lemon Drop Kid) | Died, 2016 | 31/4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Charitable Hero, \$14,520) | \$74,625 | 168 | 2 | 0.98 | 1.06 |
| 4 | LIMEHOUSE (01, Grand Slam), O'Sullivan Farms | \$2,500 | 36/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Recount, \$20,300) | \$72,842 | *442 | 21 | 1.20 | 1.16 |
| 5 | DENIS OF CORK (05, Harlan's Holiday), Taylor Mountain Farm | \$750 | 32/4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Scottish Denis, \$14,340) | \$65,712 | *122 | 4 | 0.68 | 1.09 |
| 6 | MR. SIDNEY (04, Storm Cat), Beau Ridge Farm | \$6,500 | 13/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Tradigraphie, \$13,520) | \$51,309 | 117 | 0 | 0.93 | 1.86 |
| 7 | SWISS YODELER (94, Eastern Echo), O'Sullivan Farms | \$2,000 | 21/6 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Byebye Mr Swiss, \$12,000) | \$50,808 | 778 | 15 | 0.98 | 1.03 |
| 8 | PEAK DANCER (97, Mt. Livermore) | N/A | 12/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Braxton, \$19,460) | \$46,648 | 91 | 4 | 0.86 | 0.83 |
| 9 | DURING (00, Cherokee Run), O'Sullivan Farms | \$750 | 5/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Nellysford, \$14,340) | \$36,510 | 205 | 4 | 0.82 | 1.08 |
| 10 | GARNERED (98, Holy Bull) | N/A | 6/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Risksrhighpayislow, \$13,620) | \$22,240 | 102 | 0 | 0.64 | 0.72 |
| 11 | BITTEL ROAD (06, Stormy Atlantic) | N/A | 4/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Dirt Road Princess, \$6,111) | \$17,971 | 19 | 0 | 0.36 | 0.79 |
| 12 | OUR ENTOURAGE (09, Street Cry), O'Sullivan Farms | \$1,250 | 3/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Miss Blue Dot, \$15,940) | \$17,550 | 21 | 0 | 0.28 | 0.66 |
| 13 | YARROW BRAE (95, Deputy Minister) | Died, 2016 | 2/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Feel the Funk, \$13,800) | \$14,532 | 303 | 6 | 1.07 | 0.98 |
| 14 | MACHEN (08, Distorted Humor) | N/A | 5/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Dude Cowboy, \$7,680) | \$10,131 | 60 | 0 | 0.53 | 0.76 |
| 15 | REAL ESTATE (04, High Yield) | N/A | 5/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Crafty Estate, \$4,620) | \$9,802 | 44 | 0 | 0.66 | 0.80 |

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|------|--|---------------|------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------|------------|-----------|------------|
| | | | | | | | | | Stks Wnrs | A-E Index | Comp Index |
| 1 | FRIEND OR FOE (07, Friends Lake) | N/A | 3/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Cain Is Abel, \$35,850) | \$95,650 | 16 | 0 | 2.07 | 1.59 |
| 2 | REBELLION (GB) (03, Mozart) | N/A | 3/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Mozart Melody, \$4,720) | \$5,337 | *49 | 2 | 1.20 | 1.26 |
| 3 | COSA VERA (05, Dynaformer) | N/A | 2/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Galaxy Express, \$1,800) | \$1,800 | 30 | 0 | 0.58 | 1.37 |

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|------|---|---------------|------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------|------------|-----------|------------|
| | | | | | | | | | Stks Wnrs | A-E Index | Comp Index |
| 1 | HEY CHUB (00, Carson City) | N/A | 8/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Brother Chub, \$24,850) | \$76,484 | 37 | 2 | 1.78 | 1.48 |
| 2 | DEFRERE (92, Deputy Minister) | N/A | 6/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Oak Bluffs, \$39,100) | \$62,136 | *590 | 22 | 1.20 | 1.18 |
| 3 | DON SIX (00, Wild Escapade), Greenfields Farm | Private | 4/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Saucy Don, \$5,720) | \$8,020 | 83 | 3 | 1.18 | 1.29 |
| 4 | IL POSTINO (06, Distorted Humor), Colonial Farms | \$1,000 | 4/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Postino's Secret, \$4,500) | \$5,360 | 15 | 0 | 0.86 | 0.89 |
| 5 | SECRET GETAWAY (05, Skip Away) | N/A | 1/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Getaway's Vow, \$4,760) | \$4,760 | 4 | 0 | 0.35 | 1.57 |

the existing barns. To protect and enlarge Majestic View, they've added available land that abuts their original purchase.

In some ways, getting involved with

Thoroughbreds was nearly an after-thought for the Roths, a small part of their overall farm experience. They speak about their Gardiner home, where they live full-

time, with a joy that approaches reverence.

"We live just below the mountain, and it's just gorgeous," said Bob. "It's very spiritual to me."

"I love every minute of it," echoed Bonnie.

But they've also immersed themselves in their new business, with Martin making strategic, prudent purchases instead of rushing in with a huge investment.

"I don't want to go out and spend a lot of money all at once," he said. "I want us to be in business for a long time."

Bonnie recalled a trip to Saratoga Race Course with Bob, and she remembered his saying, as he looked out at the track, "I'd just love to see a horse of mine out there."

And with New York-bred foals sired by New York-based stallions, if all goes well, that might well happen, as soon as next year. **BH**

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