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Stallion lineup at Rockridge Stud fuels Visagie's optimism

BY KAREN M. JOHNSON PHOTOS BY SKIP DICKSTEIN **AS HE ENTERS** his eighth year as proprietor of Rockridge Stud near Hudson, N.Y., Lere Visagie is filled with exuberance for the start of the 2020 breeding season, and for good reason.

Rockridge Stud's stallion roster received a significant boost last fall when it was announced that grade 1 winner Leofric, the only son of stallion phenom Candy Ride to stand in New York, and Disco Partner, a world-record holder and multiple graded stakes winner, were joining Visagie's operation as first-year sires.

Leofric, winner of the 2018 Clark Handicap Presented by Norton

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Rank	Stallion 2020 fee	Starters	Winners % of strs	Earnings per starter	Earnings	Winners of \$100,000+ % of strs						
1	Goldencents \$25,000	160	74 46%	\$36,002	\$5,760,374	12 7.5%						
2	Cairo Prince \$25,000	136	55 40%	\$30,518	\$4,150,423	13 9.5%						
3	CENTRAL BANKER \$7,500	94	43 46%	\$43,806	\$4,117,783	12 12.76%						
4	Cross Traffic \$15,000	98	46 47%	\$41,892	\$4,105,443	6 6.12%						
5	Flashback \$3,500	93	38 41%	\$33,808	\$3,144,132	3 3.22%						
6	Noble Mission (GB) \$20,000	57	15 26%	\$51,444	\$2,932,336	6 10.52%						
7	Fed Biz \$7,500	107	47 44%	\$25,873	\$2,768,451	10 9.34%						

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				BT	Rstrct				Cumu	lative	
Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2020 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	SWnrs/ Wns	SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2019 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	FREUD (98, Storm Cat), Sequel Stallions New York	\$6,500	130/58	4/4	3/4	(A Freud of Mama, \$342,068)	\$4,013,126	*1309	52	1.51	1.23
2	BIG BROWN (05, Boundary), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions	\$5,000	152/69	5/7	3/5	(Funny Guy, \$352,925)	\$3,701,669	*785	26	1.05	1.47
3	CENTRAL BANKER (10, Speightstown), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbred	s \$7,500	94/45	3/5	3/3	(Newly Minted, \$419,613)	\$3,470,715	132	4	1.41	1.22
4	BELLAMY ROAD (02, Concerto), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions	\$5,000	146/75	2/2	0/2	(Hell N Wild, \$125,289)	\$2,786,290	*669	32	1.16	1.25
5	MISSION IMPAZIBLE (07, Unbridled's Song), Sequel Stallions New Yo	rk \$5,000	108/48	2/3	1/2	(Dream Bigger, \$305,828)	\$2,451,976	206	6	1.16	1.11
6	BUSTIN STONES (04, City Zip), Waldorf Farm	\$5,000	66/44	2/2	2/2	(Fair Regis, \$257,857)	\$2,428,930	207	9	1.34	1.31
7	FROST GIANT (03, Giant's Causeway), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallion	s \$2,500	103/47	4/5	4/4	(Kid Is Frosty, \$327,570)	\$2,391,438	*427	15	1.15	1.15
8	COURAGEOUS CAT (06, Storm Cat), Questroyal North	\$2,500	97/46	2/2	2/2	(Carrera Cat, \$222,140)	\$1,945,799	215	7	0.94	1.09
9	DESERT PARTY (06, Street Cry), Irish Hill Century Farm	\$3,000	68/40	0/0	0/0	(Orchid Party, \$102,847)	\$1,695,888	240	6	0.96	1.33
10	TEUFLESBERG (04, Johannesburg), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbred	s \$3,000	45/18	0/0	0/0	(Turbo Drive, \$108,510)	\$777,073	150	4	1.21	1.06
11	DISCO RICO (97, Citidancer)	Died	18/8	0/0	0/0	(Playthatfunnymusic, \$196,603)	\$693,594	268	12	1.41	1.19
12	SOARING EMPIRE (07, Empire Maker)	Died, 2018	31/13	0/0	0/0	(Ten Twenty Nine, \$102,925)	\$585,049	64	0	0.88	1.09
13	GIANT SURPRISE (09, Giant's Causeway), Rockridge Stud	\$4,000	37/15	0/0	0/0	(Cause for Surprise, \$53,710)	\$535,703	100	2	1.37	1.21
14	COSMONAUT (02, Lemon Drop Kid)	Pnsd	22/11	0/0	0/0	(Kreesie, \$137,811)	\$470,562	101	4	1.00	1.05
15	BANK HEIST (07, Maria's Mon), Kaz Hill Farm	\$5,000	27/7	0/0	0/0	(Kazmania, \$80,417)	\$419,438	76	1	0.83	1.33
16	CATIENUS (94, Storm Cat)	Pnsd	18/8	0/0	0/0	(Moondance Joy, \$82,479)	\$247,929	*570	23	1.08	1.19
17	A SHIN FORWARD (05, Forest Wildcat), Rockridge Stud	\$3,500	18/12	0/0	0/0	(Lord Ace, \$45,430)	\$235,046	30	0	0.49	0.79
18	MIRACLE MAN (02, Yankee Victor)	Died, 2015	4/3	0/0	0/0	(Jc's Shooting Star, \$159,893)	\$229,371	11	1	2.12	1.58
19	¶ MAJESTIC CITY (09, City Zip), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions	\$3,500	13/4	0/0	0/0	(Candygramformongo, \$61,678)	\$210,485	28	0	0.67	1.03
20	ENCAUSTIC (04, Broad Brush), Foggy Bottom Farm	Private	16/9	0/0	0/0	(Smart Broad, \$38,895)	\$200,695	41	0	0.45	0.65

Healthcare (G1) at Churchill Downs, stands as the property of a syndicate. New York-bred champion Disco Partner, a multiple grade 1-placed runner on the turf, stands for his breeders and his owners during his racing campaign, Frank and Patricia Generazio.

These new additions to Rockridge Stud will join the farm's existing stallions: A Shin Forward, Frank Conversation, Giant Surprise, and Micromanage.

For Visagie, 43, the arrival of Leofric and Disco Partner represents his unwavering determination to infuse quality into the New York stallion market. After working for several prominent Empire State breeding operations, including Vinery New York, Questroyal North, and Sequel New York, he opened Rockridge Stud in 2013, on 200 acres of land that he leases.

When Vinery New York closed its operation several years ago but decided to leave stallions in the state, including Bluegrass Cat, Posse, and Giant Surprise, Visagie took those sires on at the newly opened Rockridge Stud.

Visagie, who grew up in a small agricultural town in South Africa, came to the United States at the age of 18 and worked as an intern at two prominent breeding operations: Lane's End and Taylor Made Farm. He then used that Ivy League-like education to catapult himself into managerial roles at New York stud farms.

"I was with Vinery for a number of years in New York, and when they ended up closing, it was at that point I decided that I wanted to start my own farm," Visagie said. "I had wanted to do it for a long time. Over the years I have focused a lot of my energy and time in breeding stallions and foaling mares. We still do some sales prep at Rockridge, but it's primarily a breeding operation."

Assisting Visagie is Erin Robinson, who from her Kentucky base of operations handles management of Rockridge Stud's stallion seasons. Robinson, who also works for Vinery Sales, has been with Visagie since the inception of Rockridge Stud.

"We are looking for stallions that can



Horses enjoy spacious paddocks at Rockridge Stud

2019 NEW YORK SIRES

DI WINN	
Sire	.RnrsWnrs
Bellamy Road	. 146 75
Big Brown	. 152 69
Freud	. 130 58
Mission Impazible	. 108 48
Frost Giant	. 103 47
Courageous Cat	97 46
Central Banker	94 45
Bustin Stones	66 44
Desert Party	68 40
Teuflesberg	45 18
Giant Surprise	37 15
Soaring Empire	31 13
A Shin Forward	18 12
Cosmonaut	
Encaustic	16 9
Catienus	
Disco Rico	18 8



2019 LEADING SIRES IN PENNSYLVANIA



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				ВТ	Rstrct				Cumu	lative	
Rank	Ole Wine (Ferring Codes)) (VOR Oles), Where Oles de	2020	Rnrs/	SWnrs/	SW/	(Ob) - (Farmer Farm)	2019	F I .	Stks	A-E	Comp
	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	Stud Fee	Wnrs	Wns	BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	Earnings	Foals	Wnrs	Index	Index
1	JUMP START (99, A.P. Indy)	Died	164/87	6/6	3/6	(Hey Mamaluke, \$222,019)	\$5,355,014	*1413	51	1.40	1.28
2	WARRIOR'S REWARD (06, Medaglia d'Oro), WynOaks Farm	\$5,000	213/109	2/3	1/2	(Night Ops, \$249,921)	\$4,280,139	*549	17	1.03	1.34
3	EL PADRINO (09, Pulpit)	Died, 2017	84/48	2/2	2/2	(Taco Supream, \$201,127)	\$2,757,418	155	3	1.34	1.28
4	FLASHBACK (10, Tapit), Diamond B Farm	\$3,500	90/37	1/2	0/1	(British Idiom, \$1,381,250)	\$2,645,811	165	1	1.09	1.27
5	DUBLIN (07, Afleet Alex)	N/A	61/37	2/2	1/2	(Shamrocker, \$321,140)	\$2,083,500	176	3	1.09	1.15
6	WEIGELIA (01, Safely's Mark), WynOaks Farm	Private	53/32	0/0	0/0	(Chasing My Halo, \$120,434)	\$1,684,841	*131	7	1.46	1.03
7	SMARTY JONES (01, Elusive Quality), Equistar Training and Breeding	g \$3,500	71/27	2/3	0/2	(Someday Jones, \$230,850)	\$1,370,694	*750	27	1.38	1.72
8	TALENT SEARCH (03, Catienus), Diamond B Farm	\$2,500	41/28	1/1	1/1	(I'm the Talent, \$135,190)	\$1,236,966	*159	3	1.04	1.19
9	UPTOWNCHARLYBROWN (07, Limehouse), Diamond B Farm	\$7,500	20/11	2/3	1/2	(Midnightcharly, \$267,888)	\$955,615	38	3	2.07	0.77
10	BOISTEROUS (07, Distorted Humor), Diamond B Farm	\$3,000	44/21	0/0	0/0	(Loud Mouth, \$96,780)	\$938,841	82	1	0.79	1.07
11	MAD FLATTER (05, Flatter)	Died, 2016	24/18	0/0	0/0	(Glowing Star, \$79,654)	\$703,025	48	0	0.94	1.29
12	MEDALLIST (01, Touch Gold), Northview PA	\$2,000	16/11	0/0	0/0	(Winning the Medal, \$114,220)	\$651,802	204	7	1.28	1.32
13	CAL NATION (08, Distorted Humor)	N/A	28/16	1/1	1/1	(Ournationonparade, \$65,920)	\$639,905	49	1	0.99	1.17
14	CROWN OF THORNS (05, Repent), Equistar Training and Breeding	\$2,000	27/12	1/1	1/1	(Crown and Sugar, \$116,490)	\$621,419	55	2	0.86	1.06
15	BULLSBAY (04, Tiznow), Northview PA	\$3,000	38/13	0/0	0/0	(Dancing Bull, \$85,660)	\$591,387	86	3	1.13	1.20
16	ALBERT THE GREAT (97, Go for Gin)	Pnsd	28/15	0/0	0/0	(Screen Saver, \$56,990)	\$529,050	*412	9	1.09	1.10
17	LORD SHANAKILL (06, Speightstown), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$2,500	49/30	0/0	0/0	(Old Fox, \$34,978)	\$499,845	203	3	1.12	0.90
18	WELL SPELLED (09, Spellbinder), Godstone Farm	\$1,500	16/10	1/1	1/1	(Hockey Puck, \$122,430)	\$497,513	24	2	1.04	0.95
19	FAIRBANKS (03, Giant's Causeway)	Pnsd	30/10	0/0	0/0	(Jeezum Jim, \$70,528)	\$412,803	229	3	1.03	1.18
20	RIMROD (00, Danzig), Castle Rock Farm	\$1,500	16/7	0/0	0/0	(J J Loves Billy, \$79,926)	\$363,171	112	2	1.25	1.14

stand out nationally, not just in New York," Robinson explained. "One that could equally stand in Kentucky is what we are looking for. I think right now we have a few in the barn who could stand in Kentucky and be equally competitive."

But finding the right stallion for the New York marketplace and sustaining interest in that stallion while awaiting its first foals are not without their challenges. "It's a difficult market in New York. It's not easy for stallions and stallion owners there," Robinson said. "First-year stallions are pretty easy, but after that they all fall off...it's kind of the market. It's the same in Kentucky as well, but it seems to be a lot more difficult in New York. It's just harder to retain people and get them to breed second and third year because first year, if you have a nice stallion, they will gamble

on you, but after that it falls off. Client retention is so important, and getting news out about nice foals that the stallions are throwing is equally important."

Robinson believes in some cases there is an unfair and unfavorable view attached to breeding to New York stallions. And that is something that drives some

2019 PENNSYLVANIA SIRES BY WINNERS

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Warrior's Reward		
Jump Start		
El Padrino		
Flashback	90	37
Dublin	61	37
Weigelia	53	32
Lord Shanakill	49	30
Talent Search	41	28
Smarty Jones	71	27
Boisterous	44	21
Mad Flatter	24	18
Cal Nation	28	16
Albert the Great	28	15
Bullsbay	38	13
Crown of Thorns	27	12
Uptowncharlybrown	20	11
Medallist	16	11
Fairbanks	30	10
Well Spelled	16	10



First-year stallion Disco Partner stretches his legs at Rockridge Stud

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 2015 are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available statistics for the Northern Hemisphere through December 31, 2019. As supplied to BloodHorse by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc., include adjusted money from Japan, Hong Kong, and Singer As a purple of the Northern Hemisphere with average North American purse in 2018 is \$23,755 or 50% of the 2018 average purse in Japan. To put earnings on par, all Japanese progeny earnings are multiplied by 50% before being credited to a sire's progeny earnings. Hong Kong earnings are adjusted by 15%; Singapore by 66%. 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. (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.

Friend Or Foe

Sire of \$992,411-earner MR. BUFF



MR. BUFF, back-to-back winner of the Jazil Stakes with a 102 Beyer, his seventh stakes victory



Reserve Grand Champion at the 2019 VTA Yearling Futurity
Rshepherdsgait, chestnut filly by Friend Or Foe—Fancy Dancer by Citidancer



FRIEND OR FOE
2007, 16.3 h., entered stud 2013, by Friends Lake-Unbridled Star, by Unbridled

Sire of NINE winners from just ELEVEN starters, incl. Code Red (\$131,746, 2nd Seeking the Ante S).

A multiple stakes winner of \$349,134 with 109 Beyer speed, FRIEND OR FOE is half to STAR GRAZING (\$277,800), Stolen Star (dam of MG2 millionaire HIGHWAY STAR and 2019 2YO CAPTAIN BOMBASTIC), and to the dam of SURGE OF PRIDE (G3-placed). His first four dams are all stakes horses

and multiple stakes producers, including third dam MGI TAISEZ VOUS. From a family of champions.

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	1 HEY CHUB (00, Carson City), Joe-Dan Farm	\$1,000	26/14	0/0	0/0	(Brother Chub, \$158,540)	\$960,549	46	3	1.67	1.40
	2 CABLE BOY (04, Jump Start)	Died, 2017	6/2	1/1	1/1	(Optic Way, \$205,713)	\$345,101	23	2	1.49	1.05
	3 KING PUMA (06, Forest Wildcat)	N/A	8/2	0/0	0/0	(Love Is Your Name, \$193,815)	\$328,297	26	0	0.99	1.46
-	4 IL POSTINO (06, Distorted Humor), Colonial Farms	\$1,000	9/5	0/0	0/0	(Irish Meadow, \$70,237)	\$320,261	16	0	1.05	0.79
	5 DON SIX (00, Wild Escapade)	N/A	15/4	0/0	0/0	(Don's Escapade, \$60,650)	\$271,840	92	3	1.14	1.29

2019 LEADING SIRES IN VIRGINIA



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				BT	Rstrct				Cumu	lative	
Jaco	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2020 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	SWnrs/ Wns	SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2019 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
	1 MR. SIDNEY (04, Storm Cat), Riverview Farms	\$6,500	35/20	1/1	0/1	(Mr. Alec, \$91,100)	\$765,683	*128	1	1.09	1.66
	2 FRIEND OR FOE (07, Friends Lake), Smallwood Farm	\$1,000	8/6	1/5	0/1	(Mr. Buff, \$455,750)	\$571,306	19	1	2.32	1.58
	3 REBELLION (GB) (03, Mozart)	N/A	9/5	0/0	0/0	(Blurricane, \$56,848)	\$193,439	*54	2	1.17	1.20
	4 COSA VERA (05, Dynaformer)	N/A	9/1	0/0	0/0	(Accountable, \$70,550)	\$121,881	37	0	0.59	1.31

2019 LEADING SIRES IN WEST VIRGINIA



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				ВТ	Rstrct				Cumu	lative	
Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB, Sire), Where Stands	2020 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	SWnrs/ Wns	SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2019 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	FIBER SONDE (05, Unbridled's Song), Beau Ridge Farm	\$1,000	95/66	4/8	2/4	(Runnin'toluvya, \$621,660)	\$3,849,711	242	12	1.34	0.79
2	WINDSOR CASTLE (98, Lord Carson), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$2,000	88/58	3/4	3/3	(Castle Bound, \$152,044)	\$2,236,992	363	15	1.00	1.00
3	LIMEHOUSE (01, Grand Slam), O'Sullivan Farms	\$2,500	80/43	0/0	0/0	(Lymebyrd, \$104,492)	\$1,472,131	*462	23	1.13	1.12
4	CHARITABLE MAN (06, Lemon Drop Kid)	Died, 2016	79/37	0/0	0/0	(Hero's Man, \$108,704)	\$1,235,105	189	2	0.84	1.04
5	EXCLUSIVE QUALITY (03, Elusive Quality)	Died, 2019	62/31	0/0	0/0	(Wishful Quality, \$86,060)	\$1,020,023	346	7	0.89	1.06
6	DESPITE THE ODDS (06, Speightstown), Bybee Road Farm on Avonwood	d \$1,500	40/25	0/0	0/0	(Port Louis, \$76,192)	\$1,013,839	67	0	0.97	1.22
7	DENIS OF CORK (05, Harlan's Holiday), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$750	37/17	1/1	1/1	(B's Wild Cork, \$93,190)	\$660,667	*130	6	0.72	1.01
8	MACHEN (08, Distorted Humor), Baird Racing Stable	Private	33/20	0/0	0/0	(Shy Guy, \$59,184)	\$627,219	69	0	0.61	0.69
9	SWISS YODELER (94, Eastern Echo), O'Sullivan Farms	\$2,000	33/17	0/0	0/0	(Alpine Moon, \$56,405)	\$431,510	785	15	0.96	1.02
10	OUR ENTOURAGE (09, Street Cry), O'Sullivan Farms	\$1,250	13/10	0/0	0/0	(Chiefs Kingdom, \$89,411)	\$316,720	25	0	0.86	0.64

New York breeders, particularly those who breed with the intent to sell, to send their mares to Kentucky to be covered. Those mares return to foal in New York in order for their foals to meet the resi-

dency requirements of being a registered New York-bred, which enables owners and breeders to take part in the Empire State's lucrative award program.

"The trend the last several years of

breeding in New York is for people to breed to Kentucky stallions, and that has worked well commercially for most farms," she said. "If they have something from a Kentucky stallion, a lot of times it will sell bet-



Rockridge Stud started in 2013 with 200 acres

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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2020 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	SWnrs/ Wns	SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2019 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	GREAT NOTION (00, Elusive Quality), Northview Stallion Station	\$7,500	92/54	3/9	3/3	(Anna's Bandit, \$401,830)	\$3,182,402	335	22	1.51	1.21
2	FRIESAN FIRE (06, A.P. Indy), Country Life Farm	\$4,000	98/51	3/5	1/3	(Call Paul, \$294,220)	\$2,723,790	227	6	1.19	1.25
3	NOT FOR LOVE (90, Mr. Prospector)	Died	47/34	1/2	0/1	(Clubman, \$242,207)	\$2,059,917	975	82	1.65	1.42
4	STREET MAGICIAN (04, Street Cry), Legacy Farm Stallions Standing at Roland	Farm \$2,000	59/27	1/1	0/1	(So Street, \$158,933)	\$1,490,618	137	4	1.10	1.27
5	ORIENTATE (98, Mt. Livermore)	Pnsd	59/37	0/0	0/0	(The Great Provider, \$100,324)	\$1,441,916	*845	32	1.23	1.56
6	SUPER NINETY NINE (10, Pulpit), Country Life Farm	\$3,000	42/24	0/0	0/0	(Tommy Shelby, \$111,596)	\$1,244,650	64	0	1.03	1.36
7	SEVILLE (GER) (08, Galileo)	Died	54/20	2/4	1/2	(Las Setas, \$226,890)	\$1,091,522	*164	2	0.56	1.25
8	REDEEMED (08, Include), Northview Stallion Station	\$3,000	40/21	0/0	0/0	(Friday Mass, \$105,988)	\$963,815	93	0	1.02	1.06
9	BANDBOX (08, Tapit), Northview Stallion Station	\$2,500	32/19	0/0	0/0	(Artful Splatter, \$102,385)	\$938,254	57	1	1.20	1.26
10	TRITAP (09, Tapit)	Died, 2016	27/14	0/0	0/0	(Tappin Cat, \$128,272)	\$737,519	40	1	1.26	1.39
11	PETIONVILLE (92, Seeking the Gold), Murmur Farm	\$4,000	36/14	1/1	1/1	(Trace of Grace, \$161,480)	\$717,118	*752	42	1.25	1.29
12	OUTFLANKER (94, Danzig), Shamrock Farm	\$2,500	28/15	0/0	0/0	(Leap to Glory, \$97,256)	\$668,929	*568	21	1.33	1.12
13	¶ GOLDEN LAD (10, Medaglia d'Oro), Northview Stallion Station	\$5,000	18/10	2/3	2/2	(Hello Beautiful, \$166,558)	\$666,471	62	2	1.53	1.30
14	¶ BOURBON COURAGE (09, Lion Heart), Anchor & Hope Farm	\$5,000	22/8	1/1	1/1	(Raging Whiskey, \$111,927)	\$567,242	44	1	1.04	1.17
15	ETCHED (05, Forestry)	N/A	15/13	1/1	0/1	(My Sistersledge, \$122,239)	\$540,368	50	1	1.00	1.04

ter than a horse by a New York stallion, for whatever reason. And again, not necessarily because the stallions are better. It's important that we are better about communicating when these New York stallions are throwing nice foals."

For Visagie—like any other stud farm owner-pedigrees, race records, and a horse's physicality are taken into account when scouting new stallions. It's also paramount to Visagie that mare support exists for the stallion, even before his stud duties commence.

Visagie feels confident that both 7-yearold Leofric, who is owned by a 50-share syndicate and has an initial stud fee of \$7,500, and 8-year-old Disco Partner, whose starting fee is \$5,000, will be well supported in their first seasons as stallions.

"With Leofric there is a really strong syndicate behind him because everybody who is part of the syndicate will get a bonus season," he said. "I don't expect everyone to breed on the bonus, but we will attract other breeders. There's multiple people from Kentucky who are involved in his syndicate and some New York guys as well. There is also a group involved who would race Leofric's foals.

"New York's breeding program is the best in the country. If you have the clientele who can take on the foals and race them-not that you don't want them to go through sales, because you do want that, too—but you do want a group of horses you know will end up racing in New York to showcase the stallion."

Officially retired in the spring of 2019, Leofric earned \$951,040, having won eight of 14 starts during his three seasons of competition. For the majority of his career, Leofric was owned by Steve Landers who sold the horse upon his retirement to South American interests who intended to stand the horse in Chile in 2019. As it turned out, there wasn't enough time to get Leofric to stud for the start of the Southern Hemisphere's breeding season. The plan now, according to Visagie, is for Leofric to shuttle to South America this summer.

"Leofric is a grade 1 winner that legitimately could go and stand for probably more money in Kentucky," Visagie said.

2019 MARYLAND SIRES **BY WINNERS**

Sire	.Rnrs	Wnrs
Great Notion	92	54
Friesan Fire	98	51
Orientate	59	37
Not For Love	47	34
Street Magician	59	27
Super Ninety Nine	42	24
Redeemed	40	21
Seville (GER)	54	20
Bandbox	32	19
Outflanker	28	15
Petionville		
Tritap	27	14
Nicanor	20	13
Etched	15	13
Golden Lad	18	10
Rock Slide	14	10
Buffum	13	9
Bourbon Courage	22	8
Louis Quatorze	22	8
Lion Hearted	16	8



Visagie notes: 'New York's breeding program is the best in the country'

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Jump Start	\$10,000 deceased	16	14%	\$62,639	\$3,606	\$24,691	1.40/1.28
Great Notion	\$7,500	14	17%	\$81,749	\$5,295	\$33,999	1.51/1.21
Warrior's Reward	\$5,000	8	14%	\$51,275	\$3,649	\$19,370	1.04/1.34
Friesan Fire	\$4,000	7	13%	\$64,149	\$4,056	\$27,513	1.20/1.25

Sire of MSW MIDTOWNCHARLYBROWN
\$489,048; GSW DIXIE SERENADE \$305,150;
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for It \$307,078; SP Charlybrown's Rose
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"We got lucky getting this horse. He's by the right sire. Candy Ride is just phenomenal right now. On top of it, we know he's going to work with 90% of the mares in New York because of the big influence of Storm Cat sires in New York, and Leofric will pick up all those mares because it will be a great match because of Candy Ride."

(Candy Ride, crossed with mares by sons of Storm Cat, have produced 10% black-type stakes winners and includes 2017 Horse of the Year Gun Runner.)

In the case of Disco Partner, a son of the late New York sire Disco Rico, a good chunk of mare support will come from the Generazios, according to Visagie, who estimates they will breed about 30 mares to their world-record holder.

Consistency and durability were Disco Partner's calling cards. Trained by Christophe Clement throughout his career, the handsome gray produced a career record of 11-6-8 from 33 starts and earnings of \$1,487,560 through six seasons of competition. Besides his world-record-setting performance at Belmont Park in the 2017 Jaipur Invitational Stakes (G3T), where he was clocked in a scorching 1:05.67 for six furlongs, Disco Partner finished third in back-to-back editions of the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (G1T), in 2017-18.

"(Frank Generazio) and I have been talking about bringing Disco Partner to Rockridge for probably about a year-anda-half to two years," Visagie said. "Frank has had (stallions) before in New Jersey, and we talked about a horse like Disco Partner because Frank races primarily and you don't see him selling too many horses. So if he brings his own stallion into New York and he races all his offspring, we know this will benefit Frank in so many ways because now instead of having a sire that he doesn't get any stallion awards on, Disco Partner will change those dynamics for him pretty quick."

While Visagie has to wait until 2021 to see the first foals of his latest stallion recruits, there is still much to look forward to this year.

Frank Conversation, a multiple graded stakes-winning son of Quality Road whom Visagie bought himself and then syndicated, will see his first foals on the ground this year. His 2020 fee is \$5,000.



Rockridge Stud, near Hudson, N.Y., has a solid stallion roster for 2020

New York-bred A Shin Forward, owned by Vivien Malloy's Edition Farm and standing for \$3,500, is now in his third year at Rockridge Stud. The grade 1 winner's first New York crop will be yearlings this year. The son of Forest Wildcat commenced his stallion duties in Japan, where he raced for five seasons while earning \$3.4 million. Malloy bred A Shin Forward and sold him in 2006 at the Fasig-Tipton New York Saratoga select yearling sale for \$125,000. He was later purchased by Hirotsugo Hirai the following March at the Fasig-Tipton Calder select 2-year-olds in training sale for \$290,000.

"Vivien had mentioned to me that she had a horse that she wanted to bring to New York from Japan, where he was breeding a fair amount of mares," Visagie said. "She bred A Shin Forward from one of her mares (Wake Up Kiss), and she felt like this horse ran so well and made a lot of money in Japan while running with no Lasix. She was always keen to try and see if she could get this horse back from Japan, and I'm happy it worked out for her. A Shin Forward is very balanced and correct and is a pretty horse. His first foals are out, and so far we're very happy with the ones we have seen."

Rounding out the stallion roster at

Rockridge Stud are the Mike Repoleowned Giant Surprise and Micromanage. Both are standing for \$4,000 this year.

Giant Surprise, a son of Giant's Causeway who entered stud in 2012, has proved to be a consistent sire of quality horses. Seven of his runners are six-figure earners, including multiple stakes winners Sudden Surprise (\$810,155) and Super Surprise (\$462,300).

Micromanage, a graded stakes winner of \$790,551, entered stud in 2016. The first foals by this son of Medaglia d'Oro reached the track in 2019 and were quick to impress, with four of his runners reaching the winner's circle.

For Visagie, whether it's advancing the careers of his veteran stallions or promoting the newbies, it all boils down to his belief in and enthusiasm for New York's breeding program.

"New York is really in a growth stage," he said. "We have gotten such good stallions coming to New York in the last three years. They are legitimate horses that could stand anywhere in the country. People are choosing New York because of its program. It's a very sustainable program." BH

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