



Country Life Press

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From Maryland's Oldest Thoroughbred Farm

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Foundation Family for Country Life

Everything must come together for success at the Saratoga select sale. When the stars didn't align for a Country Life Breeding Partnership to sell the 2017 filly by Palace Malice out of the Malibu Moon mare Fifteen Moons for a high price, we re-grouped and formed a Racing Partnership with a number of the partners in her dam. The nucleus of the breeding partnership elected to campaign this attractive but still immature Maryland-bred, and bid \$50,000.

Fifteen Moons is the dam of Gr.3-placed, \$305,132-earner Mayla (carrying her first foal, by American Pharoah), of this month's stylish Maiden winner Lunar Rille (photo below), who races for the Fifteen Moons Partnership, and of \$243,196-earner Moon Vision.

It helps that Fifteen Moons' 1/2-sister is Gr. 1 winner HookedontheFeelin, in turn dam of Gr. 1 winners Pussycat Doll and Jimmy Creed, No. 3 on the 2nd-crop Sire List. HookedontheFeelin is also the dam of stakes winner Funny Feeling, whose yearling American Pharoah filly sold for \$875,000 at the Saratoga sale.



Photo by Mathea Kelley

One of 4 Maryland-Breds accepted to Saratoga:
Filly by Palace Malice out of Fifteen Moons



LUNAR LANDS IN LAUREL WINNER'S CIRCLE

Fifteen Moons' Partners feel *GREAT* about their decision to race a Maryland-bred filly out of their mare. The mating was decided by Majority Rule four years ago, blending the stamina of \$5-million-earner English Channel (who stands for \$25,000 at Calumet) with speed from Fifteen Moons' dam, Prospective Joy, by Allen's Prospect. Lunar Rille earned \$24,453 in her grass debut as the 2-1 favorite at Laurel on July 29.

Racing Stable on a Roll

July was a terrific month for Country Life Racing Partnerships. Our turf star, Monte Crista—3-for-3 on the local weeds—headed west to Indiana Grand Racetrack on July 19th for the \$100,000 Ta Wee Stakes. She traveled 600 miles looking for all-important black type, and earned it. Slammed at the break, she ran into contention 5-wide, and missed 2nd by a head. The 1/2-sister to 2017 Maryland-Bred Horse-of-the-Year JUST HOWARD is pointing for the \$100,000 Riskaverse Stakes at Saratoga on Aug. 23. She arrived at the Spa on Tuesday, Aug. 7.



Monte Crista



Street Appeal, in her 3rd start, travelled to Monmouth Park on July 27th. Overnight rains cancelled grass racing, so Street Appeal, whose sire Street Sense won the Kentucky Derby on the main track, tried the dirt (after Tapeta at Presque Isle and turf at Laurel). She found the tight Monmouth Park surface to her liking, closing steadily in the stretch to win by a length.

Our gratitude to trainer Mike Trombetta and his top-class staff at Fair Hill, Laurel, and Saratoga.

Double 99 LLC 2-Year-Olds Get Ready



Vee's Super Star leaving for Laurel

1. **Vee's Super Star**, by Super 99 out of Vee Vee Star, dam of Eclipse Champion Declan's Moon, and
2. **Lucky Ninety Nine**, by Super 99 out of Lucky Nita, dam of a \$250,000 SW.

Both are MD-bred, MD Million, & Delaware-Certified.



Lucky Ninety Nine at Merryland

The Country Life/Merryland Team



Kneeling left to right

Comptroller Greg Hare, Office Manager Sallyellen Hurst,
Farm Veterinarian Dr. Russ Jacobson (w/Georgia), Josh Pons (w/Indy), Ellen Pons

1st row

Jesus Gutierrez-Sepulbeda, Lead Merryland Rider Milan Milosevic, Farm General Manager Christy Holden, Stallion Manager Jerry Zavala, Mollie Brooks, Avery Dedeo, Training Barn Foreman Ashley Randall, Fabian Herrera, Armando Gutierrez, Project Manager Jeff Clute, Maintenance staff Matt Warfield, Todd Kerr

2nd row

Alejandro Gutierrez, Gerardo Gutierrez, Country Life Broodmare Manager Cheyenne Piccolo, Merryland Broodmare Manager Kim Crowell (w/ Tilly)

Back row

Jesus Gutierrez, Ignacio Zavala, Maurilio Gutierrez, Sergio Gutierrez.

(Missing on Team Photo Day: VIP's Mike and Lisa Pons, Merryland Trainer Sonja Aleksic and Maintenance Manager T. J. Stone).

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Our results bear out our dedication to our clients and the horses in our care.*



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