

Owner's Personal Statement

Wiggins Sporting is an Estate where land, legacy, and lifestyle converge.

The legacy of this estate began over a century ago when my grandfather stepped off the train at the small Cheeha-Combahee Plantation depot identical to the one here on the property. Today, that legacy lives on in Wiggins Sporting Estate, which reflects my interests and passions, those of my family, and most importantly, my employees.

Through plantation employees, I came to appreciate the inland forests and fields of the Lowcountry. With their support, I was able to acquire land where none was offered. This acquisition provided me a second-stage destination for the Mustang training program underway at my Wyoming ranch. With permission from the Bureau of Land Management, we were able to draw horses from gatherings in Northern California, carrying the blood of the Argentine Criollo.

The program required breaking mares and fillies to saddle, culling the best prospects, and shipping them to Wiggins Estate to be further trained for introduction to low-goal polo. Our locale now fulfilled our need for a final training station immediately adjacent to the East Coast polo circuit.

All structures on Estancia Wiggins follow the pure Argentine motif, with the main residence drawing from both the early 19th century as well as the late colonial style found in the pampas.

The main house mirrors the Estancieros tradition of expanding the common core to a more elaborate residence. The library, for example, housed in the early-19th century bell wing (1,200 volumes) demonstrates these Argentine architectural elements. There is not a vista from the residence that fails to stand on its own.

Local tradition mandates that farms remain in family ownership, regardless of economic circumstances; thus, the area has remained unchanged for over 100 years and is mostly likely to continue. This open land, the plantation pines, creeks, and natural woodlands have allowed for all our equine pursuits, such as fox hunting, beagling, and cross country. We train over hunter/jumper and eventing courses and have hosted cutting and riding clinics led by the Huntsman of Wiggins Hounds.

I have constructed an assortment of sporting clay disciplines, consistent with the Lowcountry shooting tradition: driven pheasant, woodcock in a woodland setting, certified skeet field, non-regulation trap, and, most unusual, a live pigeon ring.

Wiggins Estate's paneled square-dance hall with a highly polished concrete floor is currently used to as a museum for a collection of antique automobiles and boats.

The Wiggins Hunt Chapel reflects our gratitude for all of God's creatures and His natural world. Here, we honor, every hunt season, blessing our 20-couple Wiggins Hounds and 12-couple Wiggins Beagles.

The Wiggins Hunt Chapel is the only consecrated space without a lock in South Carolina, open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, for those seeking refuge and God's grace.