

# *Robert Vavra's "Such is the Real Nature of Horses"*

Movie Review

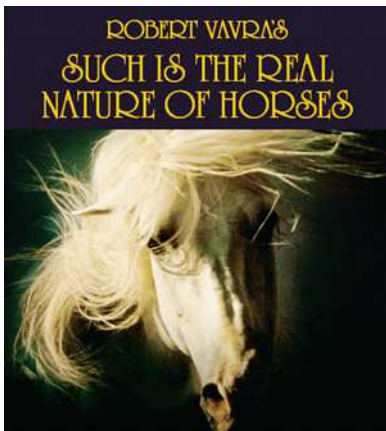
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"A Must See for Every Horse Lover or Equestrian"

How many people have ever dreamed of spending time out among wild horses? I know I did as a child and then as a college student. I did my research on wild horses, but I forgot to take my movie crew with me to document so many of the wonderful and rarely seen equine behaviors. Well Robert Vavra, with his artist eye and his Hemmingway-type explorer attitude ventured into the Cammargne of France to film a feral herd of Andalusians

This is no "Flicka" or Hollywood film, although it feels like it because of the quality of the film and the music score. This is a true documentary of horse culture. Social bonding,



stallion posturing, courtship behaviors, spatial awareness, dominance and play behaviors are all demonstrated with grace and beauty as Robert takes the viewer into the unseen world of horses. "Such is the Real Nature of Horses" should be seen by every human who loves horses or has horses because it will open your eyes to how horses really live, think, feel, and interact together. You will better understand the creatures you love and ride in ways that will make you think the next time you go to kiss a nose or put a foot in a stirrup, "what would my horse be doing without me?" Well, Vavra' opens the door to let you see a glimpse of horse life without humans—up close and personal!

Mary Ann Simonds assisted as an equine behavior consultant for Robert Vavra on his film.

The DVD is currently available from [www.mystichorse.com](http://www.mystichorse.com) or [www.equivision.net](http://www.equivision.net).