

# Vaquero Valley Ranch



**Region** Prineville, OR

**Rancher Since** 2006

**Methods** Pasture raised cattle

**Products** Beef and jerky

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## About Vaquero Valley Ranch

Vaquero is the Spanish word for “cattle-driver” and Ron Miller, owner of Vaquero Valley Ranch, stays true to the definition. A fourth generation Oregon rancher, his great-grandfather had a homestead in the Catlow Valley while his father and grandfather drove cattle up from California with the help of vaqueros. Now, Ron leases 10,000 acres of Federal BLM land to run 135 head of cattle in Central Oregon; you can see his animals happily grazing on native plants near the Prineville Reservoir. His son Logan can also be found on the ranch and could become the fifth generation of Miller family ranchers.

*“No one used grain to feed their cattle. It was all grass.”*

### What kind of cattle?

“I call them the ‘survive’ cross breed. You gotta have cattle that will survive in this country and be adaptable.”

### Are they grass or grain fed?

“Their diet consists of native grasses and weeds. They have the freedom and option to eat what they want which comes out in the flavor of the meat.”



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