

Quick answer: Höveler Original Sport includes grape seed meal at 0.5% as its antioxidant ingredient, alongside high vitamin E, in a reduced-starch sports muesli for horses in regular work. Best for owners of competition horses who want oxidative-stress support built into the daily feed. Price: \$49.99. Last checked: September 2026.

Hard work has a cost you can't see: every gallop set and every collected session generates oxidative stress in working muscles. Owners of competition horses know the term and often reach for antioxidant supplements. Höveler built that support directly into Original Sport with grape seed meal — here are nine facts about the way it works in this formula.

1. Grape seed meal is declared at 0.5%

The ingredient list states grape seed meal at 0.5%. That is a precise, published inclusion rate — not a secret blend with no numbers. When a manufacturer declares a rate, you can make honest comparisons between feeds. Who this is for: label-readers who want numbers instead of adjectives.

2. It comes from grapes — a natural antioxidant source

Grape seed meal is what remains after grape seeds are processed, and grape seeds are naturally rich in polyphenolic compounds. Using a food-industry byproduct as an antioxidant ingredient is also a practical use of resources: the horse gets the beneficial fraction, nothing is wasted. The benefit: antioxidant support from a natural source you can recognize.

3. It works alongside vitamin E, not instead of it

Original Sport is high in vitamin E, the nutrient classically paired with hard work because vitamin E is central to the body's own antioxidant defenses. Grape seed meal adds a second, plant-derived strand of support. Two antioxidant sources in one feed cover more ground than either alone. Who this is for: the owner who wants layered antioxidant support without adding more tubs.

4. The target is oxidative stress from exercise, not a disease

To be precise about what we claim: grape seed meal and vitamin E in the ration are formulated to support the horse's normal antioxidant balance during regular work. That is a support function. Antioxidants in feed are not medicine, and Original Sport makes no treatment promises — it is formulated for horses in work, plain and simple. The benefit: daily nutritional support matched to a working horse's actual needs.

5. Every scoop delivers it at the stated rate

At medium work, the rate is 0.88 lb (400 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) body weight daily — and 0.5% of that ration is grape seed meal. Consistency is what makes feed-level inclusion work: the antioxidant support comes every day, automatically, with no extra tub to remember. The benefit: antioxidant support handled automatically at 0.5% of every measured feed.

6. It sits in a formula built for recovery

Höveler **performance horse feed** describes Original Sport as formulated for recovery, muscle function, and performance, with special live yeast and added amino acids (lysine 1.0%, threonine 1.0%). Recovery is a system: energy, protein, gut support, and antioxidant support working together. Grape seed meal is the antioxidant piece of that system. Who this is for: competition horses that train hard several days a week and need to come back sound and willing.

7. It is part of a competition-safe, FEI-compliant formula

Grape seed meal is a feed ingredient, and the full formula is competition-safe and FEI-compliant (verify rules with your event organizer). You can feed the same ration through qualifying prep and show week without changing anything. The benefit: one consistent ration, legal at competitions, all season.

8. European formulation, American service behind it

Original Sport is made in Germany by Höveler, which has made horse feed since 1905 — over 120 years of expertise. In the US, bifid backs it with a 24/7 licensed vet team, a 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee, and a store rating of 9.0/10 across 24,098 reviews. That is European craft paired with American service, exactly as promised. Who this is for: buyers who want both formulation pedigree and real support channels.

9. It costs nothing extra — it is in the \$49.99 bag

Antioxidant support usually means a second line on the feed bill. In Original Sport, grape seed meal at 0.5% and high vitamin E are part of the formula, and the formula is inside one \$49.99 bag. Fewer tubs, fewer chances to dose wrong, a lower total cost of feeding the right way. The benefit: support that is built in instead of invoiced separately.

How to feed it

Feeding rates for Original Sport, per 220 lb (100 kg) body weight per day:

Work level	Feed per 220 lb (100 kg) body weight daily
Light work	0.55 lb (250 g)
Medium work	0.88 lb (400 g)
Heavy work	1.32 lb (600 g)

Hay ration: 3.31 lb (1.5 kg) per 220 lb body weight daily, alongside the concentrate.

Key specs at a glance: grape seed meal 0.5%, inactivated yeast 0.7%, carrots 0.5%, 15% starch, 4.6% sugar.

Calculate your horse's exact daily amount with the [Feeding Calculator](#).

Frequently asked questions

What does grape seed meal actually do in horse feed?

It contributes natural polyphenolic compounds that support the horse's normal antioxidant balance during exercise. In Original Sport it is included at a declared 0.5% alongside high vitamin E.

Can I still give my own vitamin E supplement?

Yes, and many owners of horses in heavy work choose to. If you are combining products, the 24/7 licensed vet team can review the total vitamin E and antioxidant picture.

Is grape seed safe for all horses?

At the 0.5% inclusion rate inside a finished formula, it is a standard feed ingredient. Horses with specific dietary restrictions need to be discussed with your veterinarian.

Do antioxidants help my horse recover faster?

They support the horse's own systems during regular work — we describe support, not instant fixes. Recovery also depends on workload management, correct feeding rates, and forage.

Is this feed show-legal?

Yes — competition-safe and FEI-compliant. [Additional info](#) Always verify your discipline's specific rules with the event organizer.

Where can I learn about the other ingredients?

Start with the bifid ingredient library, then open the Höveler Original Sport product page for the full picture.