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“Raw! Uncut! Video!” traces the history of Palm Drive Video



“Raw! Uncut! Video!” directed by Alex Clausen and Ryan A. White, documents the history of Palm Drive Video, which produced and sold fetish porn gay men’s video to promote safer sex during the AIDS epidemic which started in the early80’s.

Frameline45 Q&A: RAW! UNCUT! VIDEO!



The business was founded by leather aficionado Jack Fritscher and Mark Henry, who met at a posthumous birthday party for Harvey Milk in San Francisco in 1979, became lovers, and settled in Sonoma County CA soon thereafter.

The film shows lots of very explicit activity involving male body parts and would get an NC-17 if rated. But there is little attention to rituals, and no mention of shaving or depilation, which was a “threat” of the 1961 college “tribunal” hazing rituals mentioned in my own first DADT book.

In time, technology and the piracy issue would overrun the company, which had been based on VHS. Digital products – DVD’s and then streaming, especially P2P, would threaten the whole business model. That becomes an irony. .

[Sonoma County scene](#), Wiki.

Age-restricted [trailer](#).

[official site](#); [imdb](#)

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