

DVD Review: 'Terra Nova: The Complete Series' Hints At What Could Have Been

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CHICAGO – I really wish “Terra Nova” had worked. I not only wanted to like it more myself but it’s the kind of unique program that I wanted audiences to hook on to so its creators could iron out the problems and deliver true sci-fi greatness on network TV. Sadly, it wasn’t meant to be, and “Terra Nova: The Complete Series” merely serves as a bittersweet reminder of what could have been.



Rating: **3.0/5.0**

What would you do if you were forced back to the time of dinosaurs? Instead of jumping on the post-apocalyptic bandwagon, the creators of “Terra Nova” went in the other direction, crafting a show about how people survive when modern tools haven’t just been taken away, they won’t be invented for thousands of years. The show never quite worked for me but I liked the inventiveness of its concept and its high level of production values. We also need to support more risk-taking on network TV or they’ll simply stop taking chances.

Sadly, the DVD release of “Terra Nova” is a bit disappointing as well. First, it’s just silly to have a Steven Spielberg-produced show with millions of dollars behind it available in standard-definition only. This should have been released on Blu-ray. And the DVD transfers, which are truly mediocre, make that oversight even more depressing. The special features are also a bit lackluster. They are clearly comprised of little more than EPK footage shot to promote the show. Only a commentary on the series finale will be a true draw for fans.



Terra Nova: The Complete Series was released on DVD on September 11, 2012

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Synopsis:

It is the year 2149, and humanity is in the final throes of extinction. Those fortunate enough to escape are allowed to travel back in time 85 million years to an outpost known as Terra Nova. For the Shannon family, it's a chance to reunite and start over. But once there, they face giant, carnivorous dinosaurs, and mysterious forces conspire to destroy the entire experiment - and everyone involved in it!

Contained in this 4-disc set is the entire groundbreaking series, including all-new exclusive behind-the-scenes content, a gag reel and much more!



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Special Features:

- o Deleted Scenes
- o Director's Diaries - Making the Pilot
- o Occupation/Resistance Extended Episode
- o Mysteries Explored
- o Cretaceous Life: The Dinosaurs of Terra Nova
- o Audio Commentary on Occupation/Resistance with Stephen Lang, Brannon Braga and Rene Echegarria
- o Gag Reel

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