

Matchless Minnamurra

Speckle record smashed at Coolah

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RECORDS keep on tumbling in the stud stock sector with yet another Australasian high price beaten near Coolah last Friday.

This time it was the ACM Sire Shootout viewer's choice winner, Minnamurra Plunderer P196, who sold for \$40,000 at the Minnamurra Speckle Park stud's sixth annual bull sale. In total all 81 head sold, including a \$4200 Royal Flying Doctor Service charity steer, for an overall sale average of \$11,200.

In the break down, 44 Speckle Park bulls sold to a top of \$40,000 to average \$12,182, 16 yearling bulls hit \$24,000 to average \$9813, 10 two-year-old pregnancy tested in calf (PTIC) heifers topped at \$20,000 and averaged \$11,100 and 10 maiden yearling heifers topped at \$14,000 to average \$9900.

Commercial cattlemen opened their chequebooks and were major players in the race to secure some of the trait leading offerings.

Plunderer P196, a bull with more presence than any photograph could show, was a two-year-old who weighed in at 860 kilograms, with a scrotal circumference of 39 centimetres and an eye muscle area (EMA) of 127 square centimetres. His P8 fat was 13 millimetres and rib fat at nine millimetres.

His estimated breeding values were equally as impressive; within the top 10



Pictured are members of the Plunderer buying syndicate including the Potter family, Polly and Clinton Austin and David Reid and Denis Power of Minnamurra with auctioneer Paul Dooley and Elders agent Brian Kennedy.



David Reid, Minnamurra Speckle Park with Amy and Justin Dickens, JAD Speckle Park, Yeoval, who secured a heifer for \$11,000.

per cent for growth, scrotal size, carcass weight, eye muscle area rib and rump fat and intramuscular fat.

He was sold to a syndicate including Chris Potter, Ron Potter Farms, Ballyrogan, Hillston, and Paul Guy, Te Mooi Speckle Park, Benalla, Victoria and Minnamurra Speckle Park, Coolah.

Syndicate representative and long time buyer Chris Potter operates a commercial herd and expected Plunderer would make the

top money.

"As a commercial producer, we need to get to the top of the market," Mr Potter said.

"We need to lift our genetic pool to push everything along a bit harder than what we have been."

The \$24,000 yearling bull, Minnamurra Quickstep, also by Redneck JSF Whiskey 4B son, was sold to Ben and Ellie Wesley from Big Star Speckle Park stud, Hillston. The 18-month-old, soft



Alexandrea Teuma and Peter Munday, Eight Mile Speckle Park, Caloola purchased a PTIC heifer for \$9000.

fleshed, white calf was a low birthweight bull suitable for heifers.

Pregnancy tested in calf to JSF Rawhide 260D, Minnamurra 4B Unique P249, a two-year-old Redneck JSF Whiskey 4B speckled daughter with an IMF percentage of 7.6 was sold to Doctors Creek Speckle Park, Bingara for \$20,000. Maiden yearling heifer Minnamurra 4B Pho-Finish Q136 was the heaviest in her draft at 516 kilograms and went to the

Atkins family from Cundletown for \$14,000 along with another three heifers for a total average of \$11,750.

First time purchasers Alexandrea Teuma and Peter Munday, Eight Mile Speckle Park, Caloola, who are starting to build their herd purchased Minnamurra 60A Tammy P260 who is PTIC to JSF Rawhide 260D for \$9000.

Return buyers Amy and Justin Dickens, JAD Speckle Park, Yeoval, purchased one heifer, Minnamurra 4BTori

RESULTS

Minnamurra annual sale

- 44/44 bulls sold to \$40,000, av \$12,182
- 16/16 yearling bulls sold to \$24,000, av \$9813
- 10/10 two-year-old heifers sold to \$20,000, av \$11,110
- 10/10 maiden yearling heifers sold to \$14,000, av \$9900

Q113, for \$11,000.

AuctionsPlus users accounted for 24 bulls and four heifers heading to five states including Western Australia and Tasmania. Mark Wilson, Banana Station, Queensland purchased five bulls online for his commercial Brahman enterprise. While he had previously used Speckle Park semen, it was his first time securing Speckle Park bulls keeping low birthweight heifer bulls in his sights.

"We are trying to rebuild our breeder herd and needed the heifer bulls," Mr Wilson said.

"We have used some low birthweight Angus bulls but wanted to try the Speckles this time. It was good to have a number of bulls to choose from, a lot of sales do not have many on offer."

Stud principal David Reid said they had been working hard to produce lines of bulls to suit the commercial herds of Australia.

"Today is the proof we are on the right track," he said.

"We are really proud of the cattle we are producing.

"Plunderer's figures are exceptional across the board. We are hoping to get his bloodlines into the commercial world to show the quality of the meat and productivity that these Speckles can produce."

The sale was conducted by Elders with Paul Dooley.



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Minnamurra Speckle Parks



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Lot 2, Minnamurra Plunderer P196 Sold to Plunderer Syndicate for \$40,000

Thank you to all buyers, underbidders & supporters of our annual bull sale.

60 bulls sold: Top\$40,000; Average \$11,550

20 heifers sold: Top \$20,000; Average \$10,500

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