

Minnamurra Speckle Park achieves \$15,000

THREE Minnamurra Speckle Park bulls are bound for Boulia in far western Queensland after an interstate bidder paid the top price at the stud's 11th annual sale at Coolah last Friday.

Grant Wells, Elrose Station, secured Minnamurra Vatican V57 for the sale top of \$15,000 before adding Minnamurra Venetian V61 for \$6000 and Minnamurra Venice V17 for \$6000.

His three bulls averaged \$9000, with the bulls destined for about 150 Charolais females.

At the conclusion of the sale, 13 of the 25 bulls offered had sold for an average of \$7770, with more selling shortly after the auction.

Sale-topper Vatican V57 was a September 2024-drop son of Te Mooi Rainmaker R3 from Minnamurra 300X Teeka T231. The 756-kilogram bull had a 39cm scrotal circumference and a 118 sq cm eye muscle area, 11mm rump fat, 9mm at the rib and 6.9pc intramuscular fat.

Mr Wells said Vatican had been his pick from the outset. "Absolutely everything," he said when asked what had attracted him to the bull. "He was my pick from the get-go."

The second-highest price was \$13,000 for Minnamurra Voyager V44, bought by Yellowie Props, Burra, SA.

Voyager V44 was a son of JAD Quickshear Mitchell Q1 and Minnamurra 6Z Tori

L122. The 738kg bull had a 39cm scrotal circumference and scanned 119sq cm for EMA and 7pc IMF.

Arley Farm, Maida Vale, WA, was the volume buyer, securing four bulls online through AuctionsPlus for \$30,000 to average \$7500. Its draft comprised Minnamurra Vigorous V48 for \$8000, Minnamurra Valkyrie V32 for \$6000, Minnamurra Virgil V8 for \$10,000 and Minnamurra Variety V27 for \$6000.

Other interstate buyers included Creek Livestock, Mount Gambier, SA, at \$6000; Patricia Dorigo, Mead, Victoria, at \$7000; and Willybee Pastoral, Wudinna, SA, at \$6000. NSW buyers included Ryan Fitzgerald, Torryburn,

at \$6000; GC and JA McCulloch, Moonbi, at \$6000; and EM and SA Friend, Bagnoo, who secured two bulls for \$6000 each.

Minnamurra Speckle Park director David Reid said the result was about where the operation had expected in the current market.

Mr Reid said the stud had been prepared to retain bulls if buyers did not meet them.

"We would have been happy to sell half and we exceeded that," he said.

"So, all in all, given the state of the Speckle Park market at the moment, I think it's a very good result."

Mr Reid said bulls remaining unsold would be retained for use in their com-



Minnamurra's David Reid, top-price buyer Grant Wells, Elrose Station, Elders auctioneer Brian Kennedy and Minnamurra's Dennis Power with the sale-topper Minnamurra Vatican V57. Picture by Fiona Aveyard.

mercial herd of more than 3000 females.

Elders Tamworth auctioneer Brian Kennedy said the sale was an improvement on

the previous year. The sale was conducted by Elders Tamworth, with online bidding through AuctionsPlus.

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