

CLEAN SWEEP FOR LA RHONE AT NATIONAL SHOW, VRYBURG 2010

With about 4 months' preparation and 1200 km behind us, the La Rhone team arrived safe and sound at a wet and muddy, but still very well prepared Vryburg show grounds in the early morning hours. After a well deserved rest for animals and handlers on the Saturday and Sunday, everybody was excited and motivated to do their best at the 6th National Limousin Show.

As breeders arrived, it was evident that the entrants were of a very high standard and well prepared. A total of 157 cattle were entered and 11 breeders took up the challenge of going for the gold medals, namely ourselves, John & Tracy Devonport, Coen & Bets Steenkamp, Ludwig & Anari Claassen, Kobus & Maryn van Tonder, Friedel & Louise Mulke, Sas Oosthuizen, Corrie Meyer, Ampie & Corne Coetzee, Pierre van Niekerk and Jacques, Deon & Handri from Frey Stud.

Everybody decorated their stables and we were proud to be part of this image that outdone every other breed at the show.

The evenings preceding judging day found all of the above breeders and families braaiing together and sharing one passion for the Limousin. Wednesday 5 May was a beautiful clear day in the Northern Cape and right from the start it was clear that the two judges, Messrs Koos Lourens and Jan de Jongh, had a tough job on their hands. They, nevertheless, handled the judging with the professionalism that they are well known for.

Midst very tough competition the diligence, experience and enthusiasm of the La Rhone handlers, as well as the standard of our animals paid off by winning 18 gold medals, which included 6 of the 7 championships! Winnings include the following :

Champion bull calf	- LR0941 La Rhone Jigsaw
Junior Champion bull	- LR0810 La Rhone Hitman
Reserve Jnr Champ bull	- LR0823 La Rhone Hawker
Champion Breedplan bull	- LR0823 La Rhone Hitman
Senior Champion bull	- LR0653 La Rhone 4X4 (also breed champion bull)
Junior Champion Female	- LR0770 La Rhone Glitz
Reserve Jnr Female	- LR0854 La Rhone Hullabaloo
Senior Champion Female	- LR0616 La Rhone Fluff (also breed champ female)
Champion interbreed pair	- LR0823 and LR0770
Jnr champ interbreed bull	- LR0810 La Rhone Hitman
Champion Breedplan bull	- LR0810 La Rhone Hitman (interbreed)
Best decorated stables (all breeds)	

It was indeed a great privilege to have been part of this event. Hats off to every breeder who took part, our Limousin and interbreed judges, our sponsors and to the Vryburg Show committee who hosted this world class show. We salute you!