

Values reach \$22,000 at Black Market sale

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ANGUS bull values topped at \$22,000 highlighting a strong commercial result at the annual Black Market bull sale at Boyanup last week.

It was the third annual standalone sale for stud principals Paul and Lydia Torrisi and long-term team member Jaring Rijpma, who presented an increasingly even sale team of 45 rising two-year-old Angus bulls, genomically tested and jam packed with leading international, Australian and homebred genetics.

This was reflected in Nutrien Livestock auctioneer and the Torrisi family's livestock agent Chris Waddingham's sale opening comments, saying the family has invested heavily in genetics with the stud mantra focused strongly on after sale service and continually improving the consistency of the sale catalogue.

"This is shown in today's offering and it's a pleasure to offer the catalogue of bulls," Mr Waddingham said.

"Paul wants to be the first to know if there are any problems, he resolves issues which is another focus as studmaster.

"The Torrisis wanted to publicly express their gratitude to long-term employee Jaring



❑ The \$22,000 top-priced bull Black Market Rome T072 (by Black Market Rome R065) purchased by the Harris family, Treeton Lake, Cowaramup.

Rijpma and that his efforts weren't lost on the family."

Despite contrasting market and seasonal conditions to the past couple of years, the Black Market team held firm in a show of industry confidence to offer a slightly increased number of bulls from last year and give new and return clients a greater selection of bulls to fill their pre-joining sire requirements.

While there were a couple of noticeable absentees on the sale register from past sales, a

string of return buyers joined some new faces, mainly from the South West and South Coast who bid up on selected lots from start to finish while others also secured bulls at value.

The sale was interfaced on AuctionsPlus which attracted 1230 online catalogue views and 35 users and 41 viewers logged into the sale from throughout the country resulting in a WA buyer successfully purchasing three bulls online.

When the 45th and final bull had been through the sale ring, the Nutrien Livestock South West selling team had sold 37 bulls at auction for a solid commercial average of \$9108.

Like most sales this season, values were back from last year's stud record-breaking sale result where a total clearance of 42 bulls sold to a stud record top price of \$44,000 and average \$12,429.

While the clearance rate at auction was also back on last year, a flurry of interest on the overlooked bulls after the sale saw all but one of the eight bulls still available go to new homes for the reserve price, resulting in the stud selling two more bulls at the sale

compared to last year to finish on a very positive note.

Testament to the stud's depth of breeding was a number of the sale's top-priced being Black Market bred bloodlines.

This included the sale's \$22,000 top-priced bull Black Market Rome T072 in lot 12, a late April 2022 born bull by a Black Market Jaeger P025 son Black Market Rome R065 (sold for the top price at the 2022 sale) and out of a Coonamble L23 daughter, Black Market Wilcoola Q045.

This was one of four legs of Coonamble genetics on each side of its grand pedigree.

The 814kg average birthweight bull ranked in the breed's top 3-14pc for structure and top 3pc docility along with positive fats (top 11-16pc), top 25pc eye muscle area (EMA), top 31pc feed efficiency (NFI-F) and top 33pc intramuscular fat (IMF).

It was one of three purchased at the sale by original stud clients Mark and Peta-Jane Harris, Treeton Lake, Cowaramup.

The Harris family runs a self-replacing Angus breeding



❑ Top-priced bull buyer Mark Harris (left), Treeton Lake, Cowaramup, Black Market Angus stud principal Paul Torrisi, Boyanup, top-priced bull sponsor Kylie Meloury, Virbac Australia and Nutrien Livestock auctioneer and Capel agent Chris Waddingham, following the annual Black Market Angus bull sale at Boyanup last week. Treeton Lake purchased three bulls and paid the sale's \$22,000 top price for Black Market Rome T072 (by Black Market Rome R065).

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