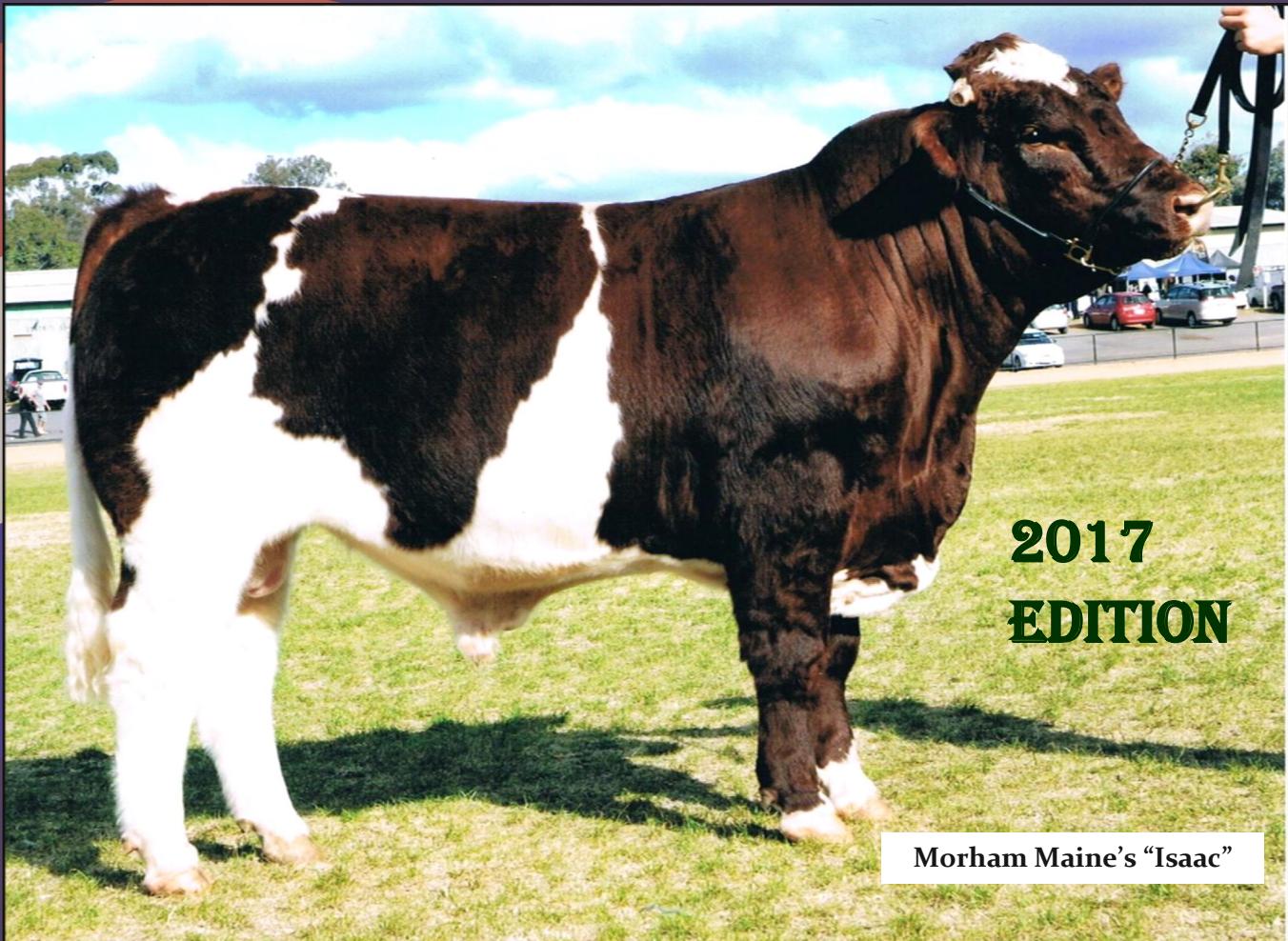




MORHAM MAINE'S



MAINE-ANJOU BEEF STUD



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Morham Maine's "Isaac"

STUD & COMMERCIAL SALES

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ABOUT THE MAINE ANJOU BREED.



The Maine Anjou breed or 'Rouge De Pres' as they are known in the north west of France, was founded in 1839. This was the result of the cross between the French Mancelle and the English Durham breeds.

The Mancelle Durham breed was not officially called Maine Anjou until 1909. The name was derived from the river valleys of 'Maine' and 'Anjou' in the Mayenne district. The combination of the Mancelle and Durham breeds created a versatile dual purpose animal. The Australian Maine Anjou retains these dual qualities of high milk production and muscle growth proving it to be a valuable beef producer.

The first Maine Anjou's were recorded in Australia in 1973.

Maine Anjou cattle are generally identified by their orange, red or burgundy colouring with white patterns uniquely covering their body. Further clues in identifying the Maine Anjou are their traditional characteristics like their white socks, underbelly, blaze, white tail ending and unique shaped ears.

Maines can appear fully red without markings or even white with red markings. Popularity of black cattle in Australia means that the Maine Anjou would not be complete without a black variety of the breed, which was introduced into Australia in the 1990's. The black Maine Anjou has very little to no white markings on its body.

The Maine Anjou breed can be Horned, Polled(no horns) or Scurred(small stubs).

Maines have beautiful temperaments which is an advantage in the stock yards. The cows are easy calving, with calves doing well because of the cow's great milking capacity which is a contributing factor to the calves fast growth rate, making them ideal for the yearling and vealer markets

Maine Anjou are an adaptable breed coping well with a variety of environmental conditions, from the cold temperatures in the Snowy Ranges to the heat or humidity of the northern states.

The Maine crosses well with other breeds. The submissive red colour gene allows cattle with dominate black genes to produce black offspring. Additional benefits from the Maine Anjou are improved frame size, high meat yields and improved muscling.



THE STORY OF MORHAM MAINE'S PUREBREDS

Brian and I moved our family from Wallan Victoria to Finley New South Wales for work opportunity in 2003. Raising our children on a farm was something we both wanted. Brian grew up in rural Victoria on a cattle, sheep and pig farm and wanted to share his experiences and expertise in farming with our children.

I was a "city chic" with zero farming experience, but was ready to embrace a new adventure. Soon after arriving in Finley an opportunity to purchase a home on 50 acres became available. This was the start of our cattle farming enterprise.

Brian and I purchased a very impressive looking Maine Anjou bull "Bully" (pictured) to use over our small herd of Black Baldy cows.

Using the Maine Anjou bull over the Black Baldy cows resulted in the calves being thick and long bodied. All the calves were black or black/white and the Baldy cows had no difficulty calving to the Maine Anjou bull.



Wattle Glen "Opal 8th"

We developed such a fondness for Bully, and we were very impressed with the Baldy / Maine Anjou cross calves so we decided to try some purebred Maine Anjou females. After contacting a stud breeder we bought our first 3 cows. They were called "Jan", "Lisa 9th" and "Opal 8th" (pictured).

Our Morham Maine's Maine Anjou Stud was established in 2009.

From a young age our children Rhys, Aaron, Jarrod and Brooke have all been very involved in our stud. They have become experienced cattle handlers involved in breaking-in, leading, feeding and grooming the cattle. Brian and I found it was a fantastic way to teach the kids about the responsibility and management of cattle.

Preparing cattle for the show ring was a great way for our family to interact. Jarrod and Brooke attended their first show without us this year, being the 2016 Royal Melbourne show bringing home ribbons for "Junior Champion Maine Anjou Female", "Reserve Champion Junior Bull" and "Reserve Champion Pairs".

The beautiful quiet temperament of the Maine Anjou makes it easy for the Kids to manage these large animals. Their gentle nature makes them approachable even in a large paddock. It has and will continue to be an experience and pleasure to own, show and work with the Maines.

Morham Maine's continues to grow. Brian and I keep detailed records on what bull works best for each of our breeding females. We can see quality coming through our herd using different select sires and artificial insemination programs (AI). As Bully cannot be the only herd Sire, it is always exciting to try a combination and see the resulting calf.

With each generation, calves improve.

As the stud grew, Brian, the kids and I became more active in the Show Ring. Shows like Royal Melbourne Show, Canberra Show, Bendigo Show and many other smaller regional shows became our opportunity to promote the Maine Anjou breed and our stud Morham Maine's.

Allowing the cattle industry and the general public to see our Maines at shows was an important way of promoting our stud. One of our stud bulls "Isaac" (Pictured on front cover) placed 3rd at the 2012 Bendigo Beef Week in the Interbreed section against approximately 30 other cattle breeds.

Brian and I have quickly developed an eye for what we like in our herd, constantly striving to improve our education and visual assessment. We have developed a sound awareness of animal structure. Much of this awareness was gained via feedback from show judges, cattle agents and industry experts. This has been complimented by our own drive to research as much as we can about the Maine Anjou breed. Our ongoing commitment to the development of the breed has been very valuable in the overall success of Morham Maine's and this is evident in our recent bull sales, show wins and our most recent seasonal calves.

The rapid growth of Morham Maine's created a dilemma- "a bigger farm or down size the herd". Downsizing was never an option as Brian and I were still striving to produce a consistent herd of our ideally structured animals. September 2015 saw us make the decision to move our stud from Finley New South Wales to Lurg Victoria.

The Lurg property has 240 acres of beautiful undulating hills and flats, with ample water and underground springs to develop our growing stud.

Karen Morham "The city chic"



Karen Morham

WHY CHOOSE A MAINE-ANJOU



- Easy calving
- Docility and temperament
- High fertility
- Maternal instincts
- Milk production
- Polled, Scurred and Horned
- Red/white, red or black color
- Genetic length traits
- Genetic depth traits
- Traditional large tall Framed animals, Maine's are also available in medium and smaller frame sizes.
- A Maine cow can average between 600kg-800kg
- A Maine Bull can average between 1000kg- 1200kg



Morham Maine's "Rouge Genevieve"

THE STORY OF MORHAM MAINE'S FULL BLOODS.



Morham Maine's "Rouge Fleur"



Morham Maine's "Rouge Napoleon"

Full Blood Maine Anjou are considered to have the purest and direct genetic lineage to France. Most Maine Anjou cattle in Australia are Purebred.

To be a Full Blood, a bull and female must be of French genetic origin. This is an important factor in keeping the integrity of the breed.

A Full Blood bull used over a Purebred cow will result in the calf being considered a Purebred. This is because the lineage of the cow may have other genetic material in her makeup.

Brian and I spoke often about having Full Blood Maine's amongst our herd, and one day early in 2013 we began investigating the possibility of importing Full Blood embryos from France or Canada.

We knew it was a gamble because unless you went to France and/or Canada and selected the Sire or Dam yourself, you are placing trust in the judgment of others. Sometimes a picture or email of the combination isn't enough, but never the less it was an exciting adventure that we eagerly wanted to embark on.

The show circuit proved very resourceful in our search for an experienced and knowledgeable agent who could assist us in the process of importing semen and embryos into Australia.

Our dream turned into reality when later in 2013 we imported 30 embryos. Each group of 10 embryos had a different Sire and Dam combination. Implanting embryos into our own cows didn't seem practical as we were in full swing of our own AI program. Fortunately, we found a business that provided donor cows for embryo implantation.

By early December 2013 we had implanted our first group of 10 embryos.

Implanting 10 embryos doesn't mean 10 calves at the end. We did prepare ourselves for the short-term losses associated with potential failure. Our first 10 embryos resulted in 5 calves.

Currently our Full Blood stock numbers are increasing, the recent seasons calves see our heifer and young bulls number rise to in excess of 30 head with those first 5 calves now working or breeding.

Brian and I are now seeing impressive qualities in the Full Blood calves from our first line of the original ten Full Bloods we implanted, now over 2 years old!

Our Full Blood line has been impressive, producing champions in the show ring and adding an appeal to our herd and improving the quality of the progeny of our Purebred cows.

To define and identify our Full Bloods, Morham Maines has placed the prefix "Rouge" (French for Red) in front of the French given names."



Morham Maine's "Rouge Marcel"

"Morham Maines "Rouge Fleur" 2017 Royal Melbourne show Junior Champion female Maine Anjou" (pictured)

Kaz Morham "The farmer Chic"



Morham Maine's "Rouge Fleur"

"We won't sell anything we wouldn't buy"

FEMALES



BULLS



Morham Maine's "Isaac"



Morham Maine's "Matt"



Morham Maine's "Gangster"



Morham Maine's "HartBeat"



Morham Maine's "Jasper"

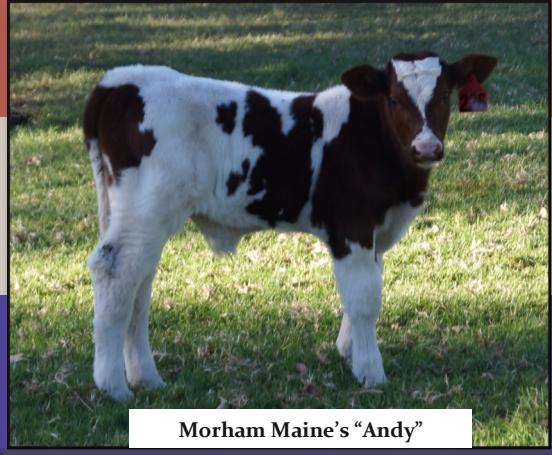


Morham Maine's "Karl"

CALVES



Morham Maine's "Montana"



Morham Maine's "Andy"



Morham Maine's "Lester"



Morham Maine's "Rouge Kara"



Morham Maine's "Ultra"



Morham Maine's "O'Hara"



Morham Maine's "Levity"



Morham Maine's "Rouge Genevieve"



GALLERY



Morham Maine's "Leroy"



Morham Maine's "Gangster"



Morham Maine's "Andy"



Morham Maine's "Rouge Genevieve"



Morham Maine's "Matt"



Morham Maine's "Rouge Fleur"



Morham Maine's "Jenna"



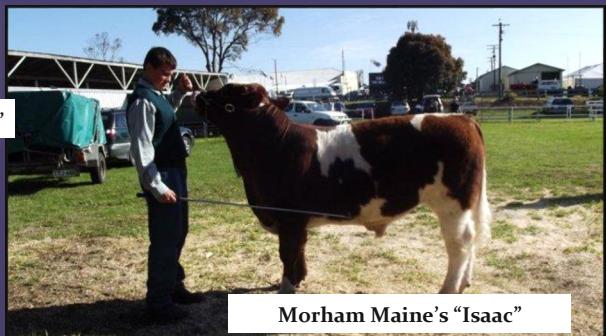
Morham Maine's "Rouge Charmaine"



Morham Maine's "Rouge Pascal"



Morham Maine's "Beatrice"



Morham Maine's "Isaac"



Ashgarth Farms "Lisaman"(BULLY)



Enquiries regarding Stock or Semen
Sales Welcome.
Farm visit and Inspection of cattle always welcome

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