

LIVESTOCK

Retallack reach \$15,000

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A BUOYANT spring and a desire to acquire industry leading genetics made the 49th Retallack Border Leicesters on-property production sale at Aria Park on Tuesday a success.

Graham and Isabella Grinter and family offered 143 quality lots including 24 stud rams, which sold to \$15,000 for a complete sale clearance and \$2497 average.

A complete clearance of 40 stud ewes recorded an average of \$761 reaching highs of \$1500 while a competitive market snapped up 79 flock rams for an average of \$2714 reaching a high of \$3800.

Returning again to secure themselves more top genetics was Ben, Matthew and Daniel Simmons, Talbragar Border Leicester stud, Leadville, who paid \$15,000 for a Red Dynasty 3rd son.

The Simmons boys also paid \$1500 for the top ewe.

Ben Simmons had been buying Retallack genetics for five years, lashing out for the top price ram on many occasions.

Mr Simmons said when he

walked into the pens the top ram was the one that really stood up right above the rest.

"The ram has a very good sirey head, good length of body, perfect structure, real heavy bone and carcase and a good heavy fleece," he said.

"We will collect semen from him with the potential for some to be available for purchase then he will be joined naturally to 50 or 60 of our top Talbragar stud ewes."

The young sire weighed 107 kilograms, had an eye muscle width of 94 millimetres, a fat depth of five millimetres and an eye muscle area of 30.40.

On the top price ewe, Mr Simmons said she had a perfect body, good length of body, structurally sound and very feminine.

Second top price ram was also purchased by return buyers Geoff and Debbie Selmes Jerradale stud, Crookwell for \$10,000.

Retallack 219.19 was sired by Double Callum and had been used within the Retallack stud joining to 25 ewes lambs.

Geoff and Debbie had been returning to buy Retal-



Agents Rick Power, Nutrien and Steve Ridley, Elders, with stud principal Isabella Grinter, and top price buyers George and Ben Simmons, Talbragar Border Leicesters.

lack genetic for more than 15 years.

Mr Selms said the length and size as well as the overall correctness of the ram was a standout for him.

"The Retallack sheep have always had good bone structure and good length and this works well for us," he said.

Geoff and Debbie Selmes also purchased another ram in Retallack 482.19 for \$8250.

Mrs Selmes said Retallack 482.19 was their pick for his figures ranking number one in the Border Leicester breed index of 1218.

Returning again to the sale, Geoff and Diane Allan,

Glenavon, Moama, paid to a top of \$3100 for their selection of 13 rams to average \$2754.

The sale was settled by Elders Wagga with Rick Power of Nutrien Livestock and Steve Ridley from Elders Studstock working as auctioneers on the day.

GLANNA MERINO RAMS SELL TO \$4500

The Rayner family of Glanna Merino stud, Gulgong, sold 51 rams of 76 offered on Saturday, for an average of \$1838 and top price of \$4500. The top buyer was the Campbell family of Slapdash Pty Ltd, local clients who have been purchasing from Glanna since the mid-1970s.

David Campbell said the top priced ram was a big bodied sheep, who was well covered and had very stylish wool.

The poll ram was by 149016 Glanna and had 18.3 micron, a standard deviation of 3.02, coefficient variance of 16.5, comfort factor of 99.9 and yearling weight of 69.5 kilograms. He was one of nine the Campbells bought for an average of \$2444.

GJ and MJ O'Reilly, Gulgong bought the top-priced horned ram for \$4250.

There was also interest from Central Victorian clients, including fine wool breeder Barry Herbertson, Lexton who has been buying from Glanna for 20 years. This year he purchased two rams for an average of \$2250.

The sale was conducted by Nutrien Mudgee with Brad Wilson as auctioneer.