

## RAFF STORM MELBOURNE ROYAL – EMPIRE STRIKES BACK

The barnstorming Raff Empire E269 who missed major accolades at Brisbane has thundered back in Melbourne claiming Supreme Angus Exhibit at the breed’s feature show along with Supreme Interbreed Bull and Supreme Beef Exhibit of the Show.



*Melbourne Angus Feature Show Supreme Exhibit  
- Raff Empire E269*

Exhibited by the Raff family, Raff Angus, Drillham, the 1140 kg, 25 month old senior bull was described by Angus judge and fellow Queenslander, David Bondfield, Palgrove Charolais, as the “...modern-day Australian Angus bull. This is the reason why we should be exporting Angus semen to the USA, UK and other countries - not importing it. Cattle like this will perform – they’re grass country type cattle. He has nice balance, great muscle cover over his back – he’s a bull that oozes breeding ability.” Mr. Bondfield said.

In a quality line-up of cattle, more than 30 breeders and 140 head of cattle converged for the Melbourne Royal feature show when Raff Angus claimed the prestigious Most Successful Exhibitor award after winning four individual class first prizes, pair of females and breeders group on top of the Senior and Grand Champion Bull and Supreme Angus Exhibit.

### Supreme over 16 breeds



*Melbourne Royal Show Supreme Interbreed  
Exhibit - Raff Empire E269*

It was in the final days judging when all the champions of the 16 beef breeds exhibited at the Royal Melbourne Show went before respected Shorthorn breeder Gerald Spry of Sprys Shorthorns for the Supreme Beef Exhibit title that gave the Raff family their greatest win for the show season. After winning the Grand Champion Interbreed Senior Bull award Raff Empire E269 then claimed the Supreme Beef Exhibit of the Show. This was a proud moment for the Raff family to see a tenth generation Raff bred bull who is a direct descendant of one of the foundation cows purchased by David Raff in 1965 claim such a prestigious award.

**Show Circuit 2011 = 18,000 kilometres - 15 shows - 13 Supreme Beef Exhibit titles**



The Melbourne Royal was a climax to the 2011 show season for the Raff family whose team, under the management of Steve Hayward and Kellie Smith, has travelled over 18,000 kilometres by truck attending 15 shows in three states to win 13 Supreme Beef Exhibit titles - at the remaining two they won Junior Champion Bull at Sydney Royal and Reserve Senior Champion Bull at the Brisbane Royal.