

WHAT PRICE A CHAMPION?

The sale of Prestige Valentino for \$112,000 at the Hawkesbury Fiesta in May provides yet another highlight in the career of the brilliant dam Purrumbete True Perfection.

Valentino has been an outstanding success at stud, particularly for Illawarra Alpacas of Cambewarra on the NSW south coast where he stood on lease, and it was no surprise to see that stud leading the syndicate that purchased him from Pam and Barry Thomas of Prestige Alpacas after a keen bidding duel.

His dam Purrumbete True Perfection is one of the amazing 28 “Haldane Chileans”. A solid white girl born around 1991, she has had just four registered crias, but they have all been outstanding show performers and, particularly via her daughter Purrumbete Minty (by Purrumbete Highlander), True Perfection has left an indelible mark on Australian alpaca breeding.

Her first cria was Minty, another solid white, who has had a cria each 12 months or so since 1998 for Forestglen Alpacas of Milthorpe in the NSW central west. Minty’s impact has been quite stunning: she was an outstanding show performer herself in fleece classes – including a Supreme Championship at the 2000 Sydney Royal and a blue at the National that year; and six of her seven crias have been to show (and look out for Forestglen Seventh Heaven towards the end of 2005) for innumerable championships at the highest levels. Incidentally, Minty has been to seven different sires in the seven seasons since she went to stud and, even allowing for the high standard of the males covering her, she has certainly stamped her own class on the progeny.

Minty’s first cria was Forestglen Maestro, a white son of Purrumbete El Dorado (SMF) who won blue at the 2000 National and a fleece championship at the Sydney Royal a few months later. But it was as a sire that he has been even more successful, with firsts in nine Sires Progeny classes to May 2005. His progeny have starred across the eastern seaboard, with his classy son Forestglen Pendragon a standout at show before being sold to the UK for \$75,000 late last year.

Forestglen Prima Donna, a 1999 daughter of Purrumbete Monarch (SW), is yet to meet the standard of the rest Minty’s progeny, but there is time yet – and she has a blue at the 2001 Total fleece show to her credit to establish her credibility.

Next for Minty came Forestglen Patriarch, a solid white son of Peruvian champion Cedar House Peruvian Ayaviri (SW). Again a multiple championship winner, including the Nationals of 2003 and 2004, Patriarch perhaps suffers from Forestglen’s surfeit of stud males, for he has had few chances at stud yet so his value here is difficult to estimate. On genetics alone, he should do well.

Forestglen Sheer Bliss came along as Minty’s 2002 cria by ILR Pperuvian Auzengate 6010 (SW) and she maintained the standard. Supreme Championships at the Central Coast-Hunter and NSW Southern Regionals of 2002 were amongst several broad ribbons for that year, including one at the National Show. And her son Forestglen Shahzam (by Shanbrooke Accoyo Yavari (SW)) already has three broad ribbons to his credit at major shows.

Minty was joined to Jolimont Warrior (SW) in 2002 to produce Forestglen Song of Joy in early 2003. She has nine championships as well as a Supreme Fleece Championship at this year’s Sydney Royal to her credit.

Minty’s 2004 son was Forestglen Royal Mint, this time by Shanbrooke Accoyo Tulaco (SW), and he has several ribbons to his credit already in the junior classes.

So Minty has been an amazing producer, to a multitude of sires.

True Perfection would find it hard to produce another Minty, and anyway her next two crias were males. Both were outstanding show performers. Minty went to Purrumbete Ledgers Dream to produce Prestige Rudolph, a good performer at shows in 1996 and 1997 before

tragically dieing prematurely from heat stroke before establishing a reputation at stud. Many good judges had rated him at least the equal of his younger half-brother Valentino.

Going to Sir Titus Salt, True Perfection next produced Valentino in January 1997. With a brilliant show record himself, and being the sire of over 20 Supreme Champions and almost 100 other championship winners, Prestige Valentino ranks amongst Australia's leading sires in our short history. He is said to have produced an amazing one show ribbon winner for each three crias on the ground, a feat that rivals that of Danehill or Redouts Choice in the thoroughbred world. Little wonder he brought a high price at sale.

True Perfection's 1999 cria was Prestige Arabesque, by Highlander's best sire son in Purrumbete Brigantine (W). Arabesque won two broad ribbons during 2001 before being sold at the National Auction in November that year. Forestglen's Maureen Carey, already privy to the quality of the family, went to \$34,650 to secure Arabesque, and so "corner" the family. Forestglen's Elegance (Reserve Champion Fleece Sydney Royal 2004), Warlord (a blue at the Sydney Royal of 2004) and El Cid (3rd at Sydney Royal this year) have been Arabesque's progeny to date.

So the legend of True Perfection lives on, and on, and on

Valentino might yet prove to be quite a bargain buy.

DISTAFF OF PURRUMBETE TRUE PERFECTION

Purrumbete True Perfection (SW) 2407 (F Imp Chile (Haldane)). Dam of:

PURRUMBETE MINTY (SW) 2372 (F by Purrumbete Highlander (SW)) 27/11/94. Reserve Champion Huacaya Fleece C-N (NSW) Reg 1999; 1st HF30+All C-N (NSW) Reg 1999; 2nd HF30+All C-N (NSW) Reg 1999; Grand Champion Huacaya Fleece Sydney Royal 2000; 1st HF30+W Sydney Royal 2000; Champion HF30+ Sydney Royal 2000; Champion Adult Fleece Total Fleece Show 2000; 1st HF30+W Total Fleece Show 2000; 1st HF30+L National 2000; Reserve Champion Fleece 30+ Sydney Royal 2001; 2nd HF30+W Sydney Royal 2001; 2nd HF30+W National 2001; Champion Adult Huacaya Fleece Total Fleece Show 2001; 1st HF30+W Total Fleece Show 2001. Dam of:

FORESTGLEN MAESTRO (W) 30040 (M by Purrumbete El Dorado (SMF)) 25/11/98. Reserve Champion Junior Male CC-H 1999; 2nd M6-12W CC-H Reg 1999; 2nd M6-12W H-BM (NSW) Reg 1999; 5th M6-12W Charles Ledger (NSW) 1999; Champion Male Bathurst 2000; 1st M12-18All Bathurst 2000; 3rd M18+W C-W (NSW) Reg 2000; 3rd M18+W Charles Ledger (NSW) 2000; 1st HF18-30L National 2000; 2nd M30+W National 2000; Champion Fleece 18-30 mths Sydney Royal 2001; 1st HF18-30W Sydney Royal 2001; 3rd M18+W C-W (NSW) Reg 2001; Supreme Champion Huacaya Fleece Total Fleece Show 2001; Champion Intermediate Huacaya Fleece Total Fleece Show 2001; 1st HF18-30W Total Fleece Show 2001; 3rd HF9-18W Total Fleece Show 2000; 4th HF18-30W National 2001; 1st Sires Progeny Sthn (NSW) Reg 2002; 2nd Sires Progeny CC-H Reg 2002; 1st Sires Progeny H-BM (NSW) Reg 2002; 2nd Sires Progeny Melbourne Royal 2002; 1st Sires Progeny Castle Hill 2003; 3rd Sires Progeny Castle Hill 2003; 1st Sires Progeny Bathurst Royal 2003; 1st Sires Progeny C-W (NSW) Reg 2003; 1st Sires Progeny Sthn (NSW) Reg 2003; 2nd Sires Progeny Charles Ledger (NSW) 2003; 2nd Sires Progeny CC-H Reg 2003; 3rd Sires Progeny Hawkesbury 2003; 2nd Sires Progeny Castle Hill 2004; 3rd Sires Progeny Sydney Royal 2004; 1st Sires Progeny C-W (NSW) Reg 2004; 1st Sires Progeny HBM (NSW) Reg 2004; 1st Sires Progeny Sthn (NSW) Reg 2004; 1st Sires Progeny CC-H (NSW) Reg 2004; 2nd Sires Progeny CC-H (NSW) Reg 2004

Forestglen Prima Donna (SW) 38388 (F by Purrumbete Monarch (SW)) 12/11/99. 1st HF9-18W Total Fleece Show 2001

FORESTGLEN PATRIARCH (SW) 46572 (M by Cedar House Peruvian Ayaviri (SW)) 6/2/01. Champion Junior Male CC-H Reg 2001; 1st M6-12W CC-H Reg 2001; 1st M6-12W Charles Ledger (NSW) 2001; 2nd HF9-18W Sydney Royal 2002; 5th M12-18W Sydney Royal 2002; Reserve Champion Intermediate Male Hawkesbury 2002; 1st M12-18W Hawkesbury 2002; Reserve Champion Intermediate Male C-W (NSW) Reg 2002; 2nd M12-18W C-W (NSW) Reg 2002; Champion Intermediate Fleece Sydney Royal 2003; 1st HF18-30W Sydney Royal 2003; Reserve Champion Fleece 18-30 National 2003; 2nd HF18-30W National 2003; Champion Fleece 30-48 Mths National 2004; 1st HF30-48W National 2004

FORESTGLEN SHEER BLISS (SW) 55391 (F by ILR Ppperuvian Auzengate 6010 (SW)) 3/2/02. Supreme Champion CC-H Reg 2002; Champion Junior Female CC-H Reg 2002; 1st F6-12W CC-H Reg 2002; 1st F6-12W H-BM (NSW) Reg 2002; Supreme Champion Sthn (NSW) Reg 2002; Champion

Junior Female Sthn (NSW) Reg 2002; Champion Junior Female H-BM (NSW) Reg 2002; 1st F6-12W Sthn (NSW) Reg 2002; Champion Junior Female Charles Ledger (NSW) 2002; Best Fawn Charles Ledger (NSW) 2002; 1st F6-12W Charles Ledger (NSW) 2002; Reserve Champion Junior Female National 2002; 2nd F6-12W National 2002; 3rd HF9-18W Sydney Royal 2003; 4th F12-18W Sydney Royal 2003; Champion Fleece 9-18 National 2003; 1st HF9-18W National 2003; 3rd HF18-30W Sydney Royal 2004. Dam of:

FORESTGLEN SHAHZAAM (SW) 72210 (M by Shanbrooke Accoyo Yavari (SW)) 11/2/04.

Champion Junior Male HBM (NSW) Reg 2004; 1st M6-12W HBM (NSW) Reg 2004; 1st Champion Junior Male Sthn (NSW) Reg 2004; 1st M6-12W Sthn (NSW) Reg 2004; Reserve Champion Fleece 9-18 Mths Sydney Royal 2005; 2nd HF9-18W Sydney Royal 2005

FORESTGLEN SONG OF JOY (SW) A 62116 (F by Jolimont Warrior (SW)) 18/1/03. Champion Junior Female C-W (NSW) Reg 2003; 1st F6-12W C-W (NSW) Reg 2003; Champion Junior Female H-BM (NSW) Reg 2003; 1st F6-12W H-BM (NSW) Reg 2003; Champion Junior Female Sthn (NSW) Reg 2003; 1st F6-12W Sthn (NSW) Reg 2003; 8th F6-12W National 2003; Champion Intermediate Female Hawkesbury 2004; 1st F12-18W Hawkesbury 2004; Reserve Champion Junior Female CC-H Reg 2003; 2nd F6-12W CC-H Reg 2003; Reserve Champion Fleece 9-18 Sydney Royal 2004; 2nd 1st HF9-18W Sydney Royal 2004; Champion Intermediate Female Boorowa 2004; 1st F12-18W Boorowa 2004; Champion Intermediate Female Bathurst Royal 2004; 1st F12-18W Bathurst Royal 2004; Supreme Champion Fleece Sydney Royal 2005; Champion Fleece 18-30 Mths Sydney Royal 2005; 1st HF18-30W Sydney Royal 2005

Forestglen Royal Mint (SW) 72205 (M by Shanbrooke Accoyo Tulaco (SW)) 14/1/04. 2nd M6-12W C-W (NSW) Reg 2004; 5th M6-12W Sthn (NSW) Reg 2004; HC M6-12W Charles Ledger (NSW) 2004

PRESTIGE RUDOLPH (W) 17456 (M by Purrumbete Ledgers Dream (SW)) 25/12/95. 2nd M6-12W NSW Combined 1996; 2nd M6-12W CC (NSW) Reg 1996; Supreme Champion Albion Park 1997; Champion Junior Male Portland 1997; Champion Male Albion Park 1997; Champion White Maitland 1997; 1st M12-18All Portland 1997; 1st M12-24W Maitland 1997; 1st M12-24All Albion Park 1997; 1st M12-24W St Ives 1997

PRESTIGE VALENTINO (W) 17464 (M by Sir Titus Salt (SW)) 31/1/97. Supreme Champion Albion Park 1997; Champion White CC-H Reg 1997; Best White CC-H Reg 1997; 1st M6-12W CC-H Reg 1997; Reserve Champion Junior Male National 1997; 1st M6-12W National 1997; Supreme Champion Huacaya Fleece H-BM (NSW) Reg 1998; Champion HF9-18 H-BM (NSW) Reg 1998; 1st HF9-18W H-BM (NSW) Reg 1998; 3rd M18+W Charles Ledger (NSW) 1998; Best White Maitland 1998; 1st M12-24W Maitland 1998; Supreme Champion Portland 1998; Champion Junior Male Portland 1998; 1st M6-12W/F Portland 1998; 1st First Fleece W Hawkesbury 1998; Champion First Fleece Hawkesbury 1998; Supreme Champion Campbelltown 1998; Champion First Fleece Hawkesbury 1998; Reserve Champion Senior Male Hawkesbury 1998; Supreme Champion Campbelltown 1999; Champion Senior Male Campbelltown 1999; 1st M18+All Campbelltown 1999; Supreme Champion Hawkesbury 1999; 2nd M24+W Hawkesbury 1999; Supreme Champion H-BM (NSW) Reg 1999; Supreme Champion CC-H Reg 1999; Champion Senior Male CC-H Reg 1999; 1st M18+W CC-H Reg 1999; 1st M18+W H-BM (NSW) Reg 1999; 2nd M18+W Charles Ledger (NSW) 1999; Reserve Champion Senior Male C-N (NSW) Reg 1999; 2nd M18+W C-N (NSW) Reg 1999; Champion Senior Male H-BM (NSW) Reg 1999; Reserve Champion Senior Male Charles Ledger (NSW) 1999; 4th M30+All National 1999; Reserve Champion HF30+ Months Sydney Royal 2000; 2nd HF30+W Sydney Royal 2000; Supreme Champion Fleece Hawkesbury 2000; 1st HF30+W Hawkesbury 2000; 1st 3rd HF30+All Canberra Royal 2001; 3rd HF30+W Sydney Royal 2001; 1st Sires Progeny Canberra Royal 2002; 1st Sires Progeny Castle Hill 2002; 1st Sires Progeny Canberra Royal 2002; Sires Progeny Robertson 2002; 2nd Sires Progeny Hawkesbury 2002; 2nd Sires Progeny Robertson 2003; 3rd Sires Progeny Moss Vale 2003; 2nd Sires Progeny Castle Hill 2003; 1st Sires Progeny Canberra Royal 2003; 1st HF30+W Hawkesbury 2003; 2nd M30+W Hawkesbury 2004; 3rd Sires Progeny Hawkesbury 2004; Champion Mature Male Bathurst Royal 2004; 1st M48+W Bathurst Royal 2004; Champion Fleece 60+ Total 2004; 1st HF60+W Total 2004

Prestige Arabesque (SW) 31187 (F by Purrumbete Brigantine (W)) 4/3/99. Reserve Champion Intermediate Female CC-H Reg 2000; 1st F12-18W CC-H Reg 2000; 1st F18+L (S) Canberra Royal 2001; Champion Senior Female Hawkesbury 2001; 3rd F30+L National 2001. Sold \$34,650 Nov 2001. Dam of:

FORESTGLEN ELEGANCE (SW) 55390 (F by Shanbrooke Elite (SW)) 30/1/02. 3rd F6-12W H-BM (NSW) Reg 2002; 2nd F6-12W Charles Ledger (NSW) 2002; Reserve Champion Fleece Sydney Royal 2004; 2nd HF18-30W Sydney Royal 2004; 3rd HF18-30W National 2004

Forestglen Warlord (SW) 62118 (M by Jolimont Warrior (SW)) 26/1/03. 3rd 1st HF9-18W Sydney Royal 2004; 2nd M18-30W Sthn (NSW) Reg 2004

Forestglen El Cid (SW) 72212 (M by Shanbrooke Accoyo El-Prado (SW)) 13/2/04. 3rd HF9-18W Sydney Royal 2005