

John Wayne Pinzgauer Stud

The Beginning

John Wayne Pinzgauer Stud was started by John van den Bos and Wayne Poisson in 2006. The venture was initially an investment with the focus on breeding stud Pinzgauer Bulls. Five heifers and one pregnant cow were purchased from Bosheuwel Stud, this soon led to the purchase of an additional four pregnant cows. All the stud animals were kept on a small holding outside Johannesburg.

The pregnant cows gave birth to eight calves and an additional two heifers were purchased from the Pretoria show in 2007.

John Wayne wanted to expand their herd and consulted with the then G4 Genetics about the possibility of purchasing embryo's to speed up the process. Twenty embryos were purchased at the beginning of 2007; this was an exciting time for John Wayne as we were the first breeders to purchase embryos from G4 Genetics and the thought of calving some of the best genetics was a future we were looking forward to, the aim was to supply beef breeders with top quality bulls.

Both John van den Bos and Wayne Poisson are business people involved in the corporate world, both members firmly believe that Stud cattle breeding, as an investment tool, is of great importance to the commercial cattle farmers of South Africa, "People must eat", meat alone will not feed the nation, but improved genetics (getting the animal to the market quicker) is what the aim of "cattle genetics farming is all about".

On showing Cattle

John Wayne entered eight of their herd animal into the National Pinzgauer Show which was held at the Pretoria Show in August 2008; of the eight cattle entered no less than five received a top three position with John Wayne taking top honors for the Bull Calf of the Year and Heifer Calf of the Year. The Heifer Calf of the Year went onto be the Reserve female of the Show. Albeit expensive to take part in shows, it remains a vital part of Stud Breeding, the Pinzgauer is a "young" breed in South Africa, yet in 2008 the amount of Stud Breeders grew by an amazing 50%, from 24 to 36.

BosOn Pinzyl

In all facets of live, one knows when the time has come to "move on", this is what happened to John Wayne Pinzgauer – we got too big to carry on in a study group, and we knew it was time to find our own "ground". Not everybody can go out and buy land, we had many disruptions, with many ups and downs, finally we managed to settle down and rent a decent piece of land, where we formed our own study group, called the "John Wayne Study Group" which is just outside Randfontein, Gauteng.

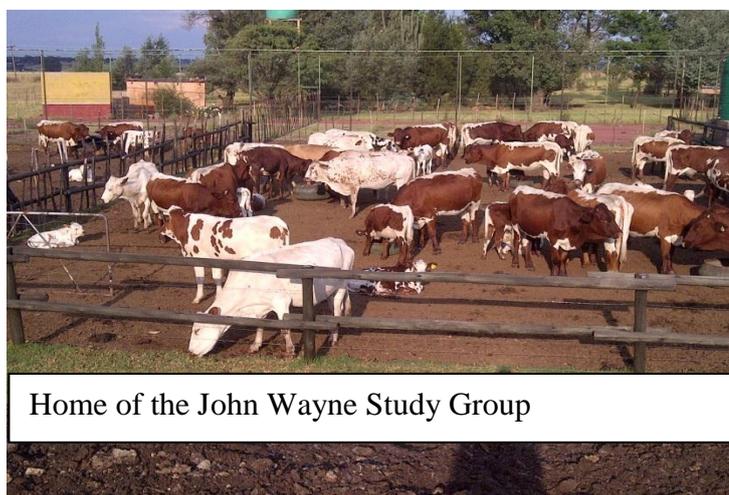
Our move to Pinz²yls was for practical and environmental reasons, I have always loved Ngunis and their skins, and on many a visit to ZZ2 I would want to go and see the Pinz²yls rather than the Pinzgauer – now do not get me wrong I still think the Pinzgauer is a fantastic breed, our conditions did not warrant the breed. In 2008 we bought our first Pinz²yls from ZZ2, and formed the BosOn Pinz²yl Stud, and are proud founder members of the Pinz²yl breed. As of 2012 we now only farm with Pinz²yl cattle. WHY?

It is my opinion that the Pinz²yl is the cattle breed of the future; let me not offend all the other cattle farmers and their choice of breed – there is place for us all! But when it comes to a breed that has taken the positives of two distinctly different breeds and combined them so well, well then you have a winner. **The Pinz²yl.** Here comes a thing! Born and bred for Africa.

Combing the best genetics of the Pinzgauer (the oldest European breed), remembering of course that the breed is a dual purpose breed, with above average milk production enabling it to have more than enough milk to feed both the calf and the farmer and combining this with the hardiness and adaptability of the oldest African breed, the Nguni, which, in a way was also responsible to feed both its calf and its owner, while roaming the harsh African plains – it is no wonder that you must start doing the sums and seeing that what we have produced by NOT CROSSBREEDING but by rather COMBINING two different sets of top quality genes to produce the **Pinz²yl Cattle Breed.**



Cows coming home for the night



Home of the John Wayne Study Group



John Wayne Stud, First PinZ²yl calves



Washing Pinzgauer cows, in preparation for a show



Men at work on the farm



A "Mini Farmers Day" at the John Wayne Study Group



The Harsh winters on the Highveld, but our stud is in good condition, cows about to calf!