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General Alpaca Experience

1993

First acquisition of alpacas.
Spent many months investigating and collecting all details on alpacas possible.
Purchased our first group of females and a couple of stud males.
Travelled throughout Australia selecting our alpacas.
Established our stud, Eringa Park Alpaca Stud.

1994

Acted as agents for an interstate stud.
Selection of groups for sale in South Australia.
Slowly acquired more alpacas for our herd depending on their attributes, ie, phenotype, breeding, fineness and colour uniformity.
Initiated the purchase and import of our top US male, Ruffo.
Selection of show team.
Participated successfully on the local show circuit.

1995

Managed quarantine of our United States imports.
After selection of a group of top males from America they were imported to Australia and quarantined for 12 months on farm at Eringa Park.
Offered a selection of services to the males for females with the correct selection criteria.
These females remained on farm under quarantine conditions for the 12 month duration.
Participated successfully on the local show circuit.

1996–2000

Breeding
Spent these years concentrating on our breeding practices.
Managing herd growth and development
Continued success in National show circuit.

2001–2003

Herd expansion and Peruvian imports.
Trip to New Zealand to expand knowledge of the industry and breeding quality, as well as cement relationships between agents and clients.
Selection and subsequent purchase of a large Australian herd.
Selection trips to Peru for our 2003 import, these trips involved selecting alpacas according to our strict criteria for fineness, evenness and complimented density.
Continued success in National show circuit.
Continual herd evaluation and breeding.

2004–today

Expansion of our alpaca interest
In control of over 3500 alpacas worldwide.
Assessments and subsequent purchase of the Arunvale herd.
Trips to the UK and Europe to enhance both knowledge of the alpaca industry there and the quality of breeding stock.

Initiation and successful merge of the Arunvale and Atlantic herds (two of the larger and well recognized UK-based studs).

Show team selections in Australia and UK.

Advice to clients on their breeding programmes and help selecting the right genetics for their herd.

Continued success on the Australian National show circuit.

Continued success on the UK show circuit.

Continual herd evaluation and breeding both in Australia and the UK.

Education

2005 Completed the BAS Judging levels 1, 2 and 3.

2008 Successfully completed BAS Judge's recertification.

JUDGING EXPERIENCE:

2007 Bath and West

Fleece Judge Suri and Huacaya – over 60 fleeces.

2009 Heart of England

Halter Judge over 300 alpacas over 2 days, Suri and Huacaya.

2010 SWAG Show Bristol April

Fleece Judge Suri and Huacaya – over 80 fleeces.

Drymen Show May

Halter Judge

Switzerland Fleece Show June

Fleece Judge Suri and Huacaya - over 60 fleeces.

Conducted an educational seminar for Swiss alpaca breeders.

North Devon July

Halter and Fleece Judge Suri and Huacaya

Belgium Show – Antwerp October

Halter and Fleece Suri and Huacaya.