



THE THABA THOLO BOOK OF
BUFFALO LEGENDS

THE BUFFALO LEGENDS OF THABA THOLO

FROM THE VELD, THEY CAME FORTH

The wide expanse of the Thaba Tholo bushveld has produced some of our country and, indeed, continent's most remarkable specimens of the majestic buffalo. Over many years, through careful management of the environment in which they roam, our buffalo herds have been provided with all they need to grow and develop naturally to ensure sustainability, health and improved genetics, for the benefit of these wonderful animals we all love and care for so much.

Because our natural Thaba Tholo bushveld is large and ideally suited for animals to roam free, buffalo from here are familiar with and at home in the natural, wild bushveld, including being comfortable in an area that is also inhabited by the rest of The Big Five.

In this book we pay homage to and celebrate, with you, the Thaba Tholo buffalo legends of the past and, to be sure, the legends still to come in future.



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I had seen a herd of buffalo, one hundred and twenty-nine of them, come out of the morning mist under a copper sky, one by one, as if the dark and massive, iron-like animals with the mighty horizontally swung horns were not approaching, but were being created before my eyes and sent out as they were finished.

Isak Dinesen (Karen Blixen),
author *Out of Africa*

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PICTURING THE LEGENDS



MIGHTIEST MATETSI

One of the true, undisputed buffalo legends, the mighty Matetsi proves all that needs to be proven about the unique attributes of Thaba Tholo buffalo genetics.



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BAYETU

Belissimo! Bayetu, friends, is a buffalo legend second to none.



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SENATLA

The spread, the *houding*, the stance, the drop, the boss. Senatla has it all!



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BHEKIFA

When words fail, just look at this incredible bull of a buffalo body. Heavy, strong, beautiful .
That is Bhekifa.



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CUANZA

When you look Cuanza straight in the eye and make a wish, who knows, it might just come true!
Such is the quality this top class buffalo.



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RENEILWE

A perfect example of a true buffalo bull with the right *houding*.



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BAKKIES

This name, dear friends, just simply says it all. Bakkies, The Bull of The Bulls.



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LEBA

Leba means "symmetry" in buffalo. Not really, really, but you know what we mean.



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MANDLA

Amandla! Power to the buffalo.



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ABEL

IncredAbel!



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BRUTE

Brute strength.



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DAVID

Michelangelo himself couldn't have done better.



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JONATHAN

He ain't heavy, he's my brother bull.



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ETZEBETH

Young and able, willing and keen. Strong as an ox. Wait! Scrap that. Strong as a buffalo named Etzebeth.



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TAU

Tau can tame a lion, no less.



SHAKA

The King of the buffalo, that's Shaka for you.



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MOLATEDI

Molatedi can be a perfect case study of external features that typify the best of the very best buffalo genetics.



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SPECTO

In a long, long line of exceptional buffalo, Specto still stands out as a buffalo specimen of noteworthy quality.



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THE ORIGINAL MYSTERY, GROOTBAAS

When Mystery appeared, unexpectedly, as if from nowhere out of the Thaba Tholo bushveld, we knew he was truly special. Never before had we experienced these majestic horns, the enormous body and typical top buffalo attitude. And when his present owner gave him his new, completely appropriate updated name, it was perfect, because he is, after all, the Grootbaas of the groot baas.



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INALA

THE BIG ONE!



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CURRENT BREEDING BULLS



MAGNUM THE GREAT



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OKAMOSO



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BHEKA



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INGWE



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MONTARO (SON OF INALA)



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LEGENDS
BRED AT THABA THOLO





THE LEGENDS OF THE PAST
PRODUCE THE LEGENDS
OF THE FUTURE



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