

# About Spanish Ranch's "West Coast- Style Brangus"

You won't see many bulls on the Spanish Ranch. We cull heavily to produce only the best for the West Coast cattleman. Our first cut is at weaning where we examine not only genetic expression, but growth, frame, and disposition. The second cut is at one year old when the calves really start to look like bulls. We watch closely for the next few months. If they meet our expectations as long yearlings, we prepare them to be herd sires at two years old.

Because we don't creep feed and do keep our calves on their mothers longer than most, we see slow, healthy structural growth. For the cattleman, that means that the bulls won't break down when they gain their full size and weight at maturity. In addition, we don't implant hormones or over-condition the bulls. A fat bull is just that – a fat bull. He won't travel any better or be more potent. At Spanish Ranch we prefer



grass-fed bulls that are in prime condition and ready to go to work, already grazing and feeding like they will be in the cattleman's pasture.

Our bulls are born and raised on the ranch in the West Cuyama Valley, a semi-arid, high-desert-type of country with only 11 inches of rainfall a year. They have to travel to feed and water, enduring single-digit cold in the winter and weeks of 100-plus days in the summer. They grow browsing wild grasses and sage, with only forage and mineral licks for supplementation. It's an all-natural environment.

Spanish Ranch produces what we call "West Coast-style Brangus." Our bulls are moderate framed, muscular and black-hided. They have a tight Angus-like sheath and minimal leather. However, they maintain the hardy heat tolerance and disease- and insect-resistant characteristics of their Brahman

ancestors. They don't need non-therapeutic antibiotics or systemic hormones. We aim for a long-bodied, balanced type of bull with good EPDs.

All Spanish Ranch West Coast-style Brangus bulls carry full registration and documentation, including source- and age-verification, from birth to sale. Calves are tagged and weighed at birth, then vaccinated at three months of age. They are vaccinated, wormed, weighed and evaluated again at weaning. They are weighed, measured and re-evaluated, vaccinated included anaplasmosis, wormed, and BVD tested as yearlings. All bulls are trich and semen-tested prior to sale.

Spanish Ranch bulls are available at select West Coast bull sales or by private treaty. Call us to see how Spanish Ranch bulls can work for you.

