



Black Pearl Oro 2014

Wine Maker: Mary-Lou Nash

Appellation: Paarl

Varietal: 80% Cabernet Sauvignon & 20% Shiraz

Yields per Acre: 3.5 tons

Cases Produced: 2,200

Filtration and fining: None

Wood treatment: 100% Barrel matured; 2nd & 3rd fill French Oak.

Length of barrel maturation: 12 months



Alcohol %: 15%

Total Acid: 5.7

Free/Total Sulfur: 30/95

pH: 3.8

Residual Sugar: 2.7

Viticultural Practices: (80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Shiraz) - Black Pearl Vineyards is a single unirrigated vineyard on the slopes of Paarl Mountain. The 4.5 hectares of Shiraz (planted 1998) and 3 hectares of Cabernet Sauvignon (planted 1999) thrive on deep, well-drained Oakleaf soil. The high trellising system, severe pruning and canopy management are all managed to ensure low-yielding, stress free, phenolically ripe fruit. The adjoining land, we have made into a nature conservation area to preserve the last 4% of remaining renosterveld in the world, so being environmentally friendly is of utmost importance for us. Pest control is monitored rather than spraying chemicals, and our spray program for mildews uses chemicals with the least negative impact on the earth.

Wine Makers Notes: Rich ruby tones, hints of clove and spices; plum, dark berries and licorice flavours are enjoyed on the palette.

Score(s): 88 pts James Suckling - A spicy and juicy red with meat, berry and hints of cedar. Medium body, savory finish. Some funk. 80% cabernet sauvignon and 20% shiraz. Drink now. Screw cap.

88 pts Robert Parker Jr.'s The Wine Advocate - The 2014 Oro was aged for 14 months in used oak, a blend of 80% Cabernet Sauvignon and 20% Syrah. It has a harmonious and nicely focused bouquet with perfumed mulberry and blackberry scents. The palate is ripe and sweet with candied red cherries, strawberry liqueur and white pepper towards the grainy finish. Drink this over the next 4-5 years.