



Black Pearl Oro 2015

Wine Maker: Mary-Lou Nash

Appellation: Paarl

Varietal: 58% Cabernet Sauvignon & 42% 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



UPC: 858441006088

Viticultural Practices: (58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 42% 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.

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

Score(s): 90 pts Wine Enthusiast

This is a dense and seductive blend, with brooding yet enticing aromas of mocha, cocoa-dusted cherry, brambly berry and black forest cake. The medium-weight palate is plush and smooth, but not overdone, framed by ample acidity and velvety tannins that lend structure to the rich dark-fruit flavors. Final notes of black pepper, olive and toasted oak unfold on the enduring finish.