

black pearl

Black Pearl Wines is a winery owned and operated by the Nash family, who relocated from New Hampshire in 1995. The Black Pearl vineyard is a single, unirrigated vineyard on the western slopes of Paarl Mountain, which is part of the Cape Floral Kingdom. The family is conserving the Renosterveld stretching in the adjoining land above, only 4% remains in the world and it is typically found in shale-derived soils that have high clay content.

Mary-Lou Nash is the chief winemaker, viticulturist, tractor driver, marketer, and general "Jill of all trades" at Black Pearl Vineyards. She received her BA from University of New Hampshire in 1989, and then taught English in Japan for two years before going on a three year world tour. The travelling ended when she joined her father in 1995 on his newly acquired property in South Africa. Ten years later with a diploma in International Wine from The Cape Wine Academy, two South African daughters, and permanent residency, Mary-Lou calls Paarl home.

2015 Oro

91 Points – Robert Parker, *The Wine Advocate*

Appellation

Paarl

Varietal

58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 42% Shiraz

Aging

12 months in 100% French oak (2nd and 3rd fill barrels)

Alcohol

15%

The name of the blend "Oro" comes from the God Oro, King of the Firmament, who gave the black pearl to the ocean as a gift. Rich ruby tones are followed by hints of clove and other spices along with plum, dark berries and licorice enjoyed on the palate.

List: \$219.95 **Introductory Sale:** \$168

Good thru the end of May!



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