

*Marc'Harit*  
Finder of pearls



ASSORTMENT  
CATALOGUE

# TAHITI

The black-lipped pearl oyster, *Pinctada margaritifera*, grows in large natural reserves in the remote lagoons of the French Polynesian atolls in the South Pacific Ocean. The Tahiti cultured pearl is a pearl with one of the largest variety of natural colours to be found.

## SHAPE

Baroque and semi-baroque shapes, pearls with circles, perfect drops and valuable round pearls.



DROP



BAROQUE



ROUND



CIRCLED

## COLOUR

Silver, bordeaux, peacock, green, black, grey with colour overtones and more. Special colours are pistachio, brown and blue.



## SIZE

Between 8-16mm. Pearls between 16 and 20mm do occur.

## QUALITY

A,B,C,D

# SOUTH SEA

There are two types of the South Sea pearl oysters, both of the species *Pinctada maxima*; the silver-lipped and the gold-lipped. The silver-lipped pearl oyster creates pearls in the shades of cream coloured, white, silver white and rose white whereas the pearls from the gold-lipped pearl oyster have the shades of cream-coloured, yellow, and deep gold.

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## SHAPE

Shapes can be baroque, semi-baroque or button shaped, beautiful drop shaped or perfectly round.



DROP



BAROQUE



ROUND



BUTTON

## COLOUR

Cream coloured, white, silver white and rose, yellow, and deep gold.



## SIZE

Between 9-18mm, with unique pieces of 20mm and above.

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## QUALITY

A,B,C

# FRESHWATER

Freshwater cultured pearls are cultivated in mussels in rivers, lakes and ponds. Apart from quality of the nacre itself, culturing methods are important factors for the value difference between freshwater and saltwater cultured pearls.

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## SHAPE

Baroque, Drop, Oval,  
Round.



ROUND



BAROQUE



DROP

## COLOUR

The natural colours are  
whitish, rose, peach or with a  
hue of lavender.



## SIZE

Ordinary sizes ranges from  
2mm to 10mm. With the  
enhanced culturing methods  
we now see sizes up to and  
above 20mm.

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## QUALITY

A,B,C

# AKOYA

The classical white saltwater cultured pearl originates from the Akoya pearl oyster (*Pinctada fucata*). It is originally only cultivated in Japan, but a similar oyster is now used for pearl culture in China and a minor production in Vietnam.

## SHAPE

Round or slightly baroque.



ROUND



BAROQUE

## COLOUR

White, creme, white with rose overtone, silver.



## SIZE

2-9 mm. Pearls above 9mm are rare though unique pieces of 10-11mm do occasionally occur.

## QUALITY

A,B,C

# CORTEZ

The Cortez pearl from the rainbow-lipped pearl oyster *Pteria sterna*, is regarded as one of the rarest saltwater cultured pearls in the world. The characteristics of the Cortez pearl are foremost the exceedingly intense lustre and the distinctive colours as the name indicates covers the colours of the rainbow.

## SHAPE

Baroque og semi-baroque, drop shaped and occasionally round.



ROUND



BAROQUE



DROP

## COLOUR

Light and dark grey with pink, lavender, green, blue, and turquoise overtones.



## SIZE

The sizes of the pearls in general range from 8-12mm.

QUALITY

A,B,C

Marc'Harit is proud to be the only Cortez pearl distributor in Europe.

# KESHI

A Keshi pearl comes into existence in the South Sea and Tahiti oysters by a coincidence when the pearl oyster has managed to belch out the inserted nucleus, but the process of creating the nacre continues.

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## SHAPE

Keshi pearls are formed without a nucleus, which means that shapes tend to come more baroque, with round being very rare.

## SIZE

6 -14 mm

## QUALITY

A,B,C

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### TAHITI KESHI



Silver, bordeaux, brown, blue, green, black, grey with colour overtones and more

### SOUTH SEA KESHI



Cream coloured, white, silver white and rose, yellow, and deep gold

# MABE

Mabe, also called composite blister pearls, is cultured by inserting a half dome nucleus on the inside of the oyster shell, opposed to a cultured pearl which is growing in the soft parts of the oyster. Subsequently, the oyster secretes layers of nacre on the inserted dome.

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## SHAPE

Round, oval, drop or heart shaped. Irregular shapes do also occur. Always with a flat back.

## SIZE

10 - 18mm

## QUALITY

A,B,C

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### TAHITI MABE



Silver, pistachio, bordeaux, peacock, brown, blue, green, black, grey with colour overtones and more.

### CORTEZ MABE



Light and dark grey with pink, lavender, green, blue, and turquoise overtones.



# FACETED PEARLS

Only pearls of high quality will be faceted, as larger surface spots will show even after faceting. Also the lustre must be good from the beginning as there is no enhancement of the shine during the process. The pearls are faceted by hand using diamond cutting, no coating or any other kind of treatment are added to the pearls.

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## COLOUR

We offer faceted Tahiti, South Sea and Freshwater pearls. So the color range is from silver, pistachio, bordeaux, peacock, brown, blue, green, black, to pink yellow, white and golden.

## SHAPE

The faceted pearls are available in round, button and drop shapes

# CARVED PEARLS

The French Polynesian Tahiti cultured pearl is known for its unique luster, which partly is a result of a thick layer of nacre. The Tahiti cultured pearl has a layer of nacre of often minimum 0,8mm, often much thicker. The thick layer of nacre makes it possible to carve these pearls.



## POLYNESIAN CARVINGS

The carvings are inspired by the traditional French Polynesian tattoos which are, in particular in the Marquesas Islands, carried out in a very lively and complex manner by skilled tattooists. This new expression is developed by the Polynesian people, who have years of experience with their pearls.

Only available in Tahiti pearls.

## GRAPHIC PATTERNS

This collection of carved pearls contains both abstract graphic patterning and recognizable motives. The pearls are carved by hand by trained specialists. In order to make the carvings in the correct angle, ensuring the right reflection of light on the surface of the pearl, the engraver must be highly skilled, possessing a remarkable precision.

Available in both Tahiti pearls and the pink and white freshwater pearls.

# COLLIERS

We have a wide selection of colliers that we make from our pearl collection. We have collier in all shapes and pearl types. We make an effort in putting together both daring and classic colliers. Follow our instagram and facebook account for updates on our colliers collection.

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CUT STONES

DIAMOND STRINGS

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SUITABLE FOR PEARLS.

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