Cranberry juice on black marble...

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My daughter spilled cranberry juice on our black marble floor. We wiped it up immediately, but there is still the white stains left behind. Any suggestions?

Dear Karol:

You don't have a stain, You rather have a "stain―.

A stain – a real stain – is always darker than the stained material. If it is lighter, it's either a mark of corrosion created by an acid (etching), or a caustic mark created by a base (bleaching). There are no known exceptions to this rule. In the case of natural stone, bleaching can't occur, and therefore they are etch-marks all the time: plain and simple surface damages, like shallow chemical scratches.

You should be able to repair that with a good quality polishing compound for marble designed for homeowner and DIYers, like MB-11.

If not, your only option is a reputable stone restoration professional.

May I ask you now to please read and e-sign our Statement of Purpose at: http://www.marblecleaning.org/purpose.htm?

Ciao and good luck,

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