



**2019
Cabernet
Sauvignon**

High Valley Appellation
Estate Vineyards

WINEMAKING NOTES



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**100% ESTATE GROWN, PRODUCED AND BOTTLED.
SUSTAINABLY FARMED.**

Brassfield Estate wines reflect the distinctiveness and diversity of our vineyards – from the elevated valley floor of High Serenity Ranch to the lofty and secluded Volcano Ridge Vineyard. With cool marine breezes, volcanic soils and high elevation ranging from 1800 ft. to 3000 ft., High Valley's transverse nature makes this AVA an unparalleled North Coast wine growing region. The eastern and southern regions of High Valley boast views of Clear Lake, the largest natural lake in California. In addition, Lake County claims the title of the best air quality in the state. Brassfield Estate wines are fruit-driven, balanced and delicious. Our Winemaker, Carlos Valadez, has generational roots at Brassfield Estate and is focused on sustainable viticulture practices and classic winemaking technique.

FRUIT

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARDS

Our home ranch on the westside of the High Valley AVA has been known as "High Serenity Ranch" for over one hundred years. The blocks planted to this idyllic site include Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot. Each block is comprised of ancient lakebed and alluvial soils from the surrounding mountain range. The transverse valley winds create some of the coolest sites in Lake County. The lower temperatures on the valley floor allow for diurnal temperature swings of more than forty degrees, enhancing flavor development while retaining a crisp acidity in the fruit.

WINEMAKING

At Brassfield Estate, our winemaking emphasizes quality and the use of traditional handcrafted techniques, which create wines that have both power and finesse. We used aerative pump overs in stainless tanks to keep primary fermentation healthy. After sending wines to 25% new French Oak and 75% neutral barrels, we allowed our wines to undergo natural malolactic fermentation in our caves. The wine aged in barrel for 14 months before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Beautifully integrated oak and firm structure combine with Bordeaux profile aromas to create a superbly balanced wine. Aromas of black cherries and cinnamon highlight a palate ripe with juicy raspberry and blueberry. Accents of toasted baguette, mocha and fresh cedar carry through the finish.

TECHNICAL NOTES

pH: 3.84
TA: 6.3 g/L
RS: 0.9 g/L
Alcohol: 15.08%



2017 Pinot Noir

100% ESTATE GROWN, PRODUCED AND BOTTLED.
EXCEPTIONAL VALUE.

High Valley Appellation
High Serenity Ranch

WINEMAKING NOTES

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FRUIT

100% Pinot Noir

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

Fruit for the 2017 Pinot Noir was grown from three estate vineyard blocks, planted to a mix of Dijon clones (115, 667, 777). The location of these blocks was chosen because they are at the coldest site in the valley. The low gap in the ridge above the vineyard allows cooler air from above Clear Lake to spill into High Valley producing Pinot Noir with more intense varietal character, better color extraction, and excellent acid retention. We ferment these clones separately and drain the juice off the skins early to make a balanced wine. Aging in French and Hungarian (10% new) oak for fourteen months softens the wine. Our Pinot Noir is lightly fined before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Dark, bold, and spicy, this vintage of our estate Pinot Noir delivers with a black cherry and pomegranate laced flavor profile. Ripeness and well-integrated oak fill the glass and envelop the firm acidity and characteristic earthiness often found in our Pinot Noir. Strawberry highlights lift the wine through out the finish. Try this wine with a classic pairing of duck confit.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Bottling Date: July 24, 2019

TA: 5.6 g/L

pH: 3.73

Alcohol: 14.4%

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2019 PROPRIETARY RED WINE

ERUPTION

VOLCANO RIDGE VINEYARD - HIGH VALLEY APPELLATION

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VINEYARDS

Adjacent to an ancient volcanic cinder cone and nestled into the remote eastern edge of High Valley our Volcano Ridge vineyard features steep slopes and strikingly red volcanic soils. Originally planted in 2003 and 2004, the vineyard totals 85 acres and is planted to a sizable number of varietals, including Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Malbec, Petite Sirah, Mourvèdre, Grenache and Zinfandel. The vineyard elevation ranges from 1900 ft. to 2200 ft. The volcanic sands and tephra (small, fused sand pebbles) of the Konocti series make for excellent drainage. Vines struggle in these soils, and the intensity of that struggle is reflected in the layers of complexity and structure, in the concentrated fruit, and in the final expression of Volcano Ridge wines.

WINEMAKING

Creating wines with both style and finesse using traditional handcrafted techniques is the focus of our winemaking team. The components of Eruption are cared for separately in small lots fermented using native yeast. The wines are then aged in French and American oak barrels (30% New) for 8-10 months before being blended and bottled without filtration.

TASTING NOTES

The Brassfield Estate 2019 Eruption is a smooth, round wine with rich fruit driven aromas of blackberry, Bing cherry, cedar, vanilla and caramel. Deep ruby in color with a lush mouthfeel and an endless finish, this delicious wine leaves you wanting another glass. Excellent on its own or perfect with grilled meats and barbecue.

VARIETALS: Malbec, Syrah, Petite Sirah, Grenache, Zinfandel

ALCOHOL: 15.15%



2019 Pinot Gris

High Valley Appellation
High Serenity Ranch

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FRUIT

100% Pinot Gris

VINEYARDS and WINEMAKING

All of the fruit for this wine is grown on the floor of High Valley at 1,800 ft. elevation. Diurnal temperature swings of more than forty degrees are common in the valley, enabling ripeness and the retention of acidity. The grapes are picked at the peak of ripeness and crafted in small batches in the winery. The resulting juice is given a hyper-oxidation treatment prior to fermentation. This technique clarifies the juice and removes bitter tasting components. Fermentations are kept cold, and the wine remains on the lees as long as possible, for freshness and body. Our Pinot Gris is partly fermented in concrete tanks, adding a layer of complexity. The wine is lightly fined and filtered before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Full bodied and pithy, this wine shows jasmine like white floral notes, apricot and gorgeous flinty notes over a core of stone fruit. It has a rich oily component to the mouthfeel that is tamed by its fresh minerality and acidity. This is an amazingly versatile food wine and pairs well with dishes containing fatty white fish, or even try it with bratwurst and sauerkraut.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Bottling Date: December 18, 2019

Cases Produced: 2,553

TA: 6.0 g/L

pH: 3.47

Alcohol: 13.5%

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2020 ROSÉ of PINOT NOIR

SERENITY

BRIGHT | AROMATIC | BALANCED

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VINEYARDS AND WINEMAKING

All of the fruit for this wine is grown on the floor of High Valley at 1,800 elevation. Diurnal temperature swings of more than forty degrees are common in the valley, enabling ripeness and the retention of acidity. We pick these Pinot Noir grapes exclusively for rosé, at lower sugar levels, which translates into brighter flavors and a balanced body. The grapes are pressed as soon as they arrive at the winery and then we cold settle the resulting juice before adding our proprietary yeast and cold fermenting to dryness. The wine then remains on the lees until it is gently fined and filtered before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

The 2020 Rose displays mouth-watering aromas of strawberry, grapefruit and soft notes of lemon zest. Well rounded flavor of citrus and apple. This Rose exhibits a soft and balanced mouth feel with medium acidity and a textured, creamy finish.

TECHNICAL NOTES

BOTTLING DATE: February 16, 2021

TA: 6.2 g/L

pH: 3.390

ALCOHOL: 12.0%

FRUIT:

100% Pinot Noir



2019 PROPRIETARY WHITE WINE

SERENITY

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TASTING NOTES

Our Serenity blend is fragrant and expressive. Beautiful notes of honeydew melon, jasmine, ripe pear, white peach, and grapefruit abound in this fun off-dry sipper. Its candied fruit flavors are framed by citrus edges that linger on the finish. This wine sings when paired with spicy Asian Cuisine.

TECHNICAL NOTES

BOTTLING DATES: December 19th, 2019

TA: 5.8 g/L

CASES PRODUCED: 727

pH: 3.52

ALCOHOL: 14.0%

FRUIT:

65% Sauvignon Blanc

32% Pinot Gris

3% Gewürztraminer



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