

2020 Cabernet Sauvignon

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

High Valley Appellation 100% Estate Wines

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 techniques.



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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. Our Cabernet Sauvignon was harvested at the peak of ripeness in the early morning to retain freshness and acidity. We kept our fermentations healthy with twice daily pump overs in stainless steel tanks. After sending wines to 25% new French and Hungarian Oak barrels, we allowed our wines to undergo malolactic fermentation in our extensive wine caves. This wine aged for 20 months and was lightly fined and filtered before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

This is a big, juicy, ready to drink Cabernet that shows ripe blackberry and black cherry on the nose. The palate picks up vanilla and oak spice giving depth to the fruit. This is a crowd pleaser with its lush, soft tannins and balanced acidity. Those big bold fruits leave a slightly savory, lingering finish.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Alcohol: 13.6% pH: 3.80



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