



2022 Pinot Noir

High Valley Appellation
High Serenity Ranch



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SUSTAINABLY FARMED.**

Brassfield Estate wines reflect the distinctness and diversity of our vineyards – from the elevated valley floor of High Serenity Ranch to the lofty and secluded Volcano Ridge. With cool marine breezes, volcanic soils and high elevations ranging from 1800 ft. to 3000 ft, High Valley’s unique transverse geography makes this AVA an unparalleled North Coast wine growing region. The eastern and southern regions of High Valley boast views of the largest natural lake in California, Clearlake. Additionally, 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 certified sustainable viticulture practices and classic winemaking techniques.

FRUIT

100% Pinot Noir

VINEYARDS

Pinot Noir benefits from a unique terroir found here at Brassfield Estate. These grapes are sourced from four vineyard blocks nestled within a westward-facing box canyon. Strategically positioned beneath a saddle in the ridge, the descent of cool coastal air from the west makes this the coolest vineyard site in High Valley. This vineyard thrives on soil formed from ancient lakeshore and alluvial deposits. The cultivars are a blend of Dijon clones arranged northeast to southwest, ensuring optimal sun exposure, critical to grape development. All these factors work synergistically to produce a Pinot Noir with more intense varietal character, notable color extraction, and excellent acid retention.

WINEMAKING

Our Pinot Noir was harvested at the peak of ripeness and brought to the winery in the early morning to ensure the utmost fruit integrity. During fermentation, vineyard blocks were kept in separate stainless-steel tanks to enhance varietal complexity. Then this wine was barreled down to neutral French, American and Hungarian oak to undergo malolactic fermentation in our caves. Once fermentation was finished, the wine was blended and aged on 40% new French oak. This wine is unfinned but was filtered before bottling for brilliant clarity and maximum quality.

TASTING NOTES

Earthy notes of leaf and turned soil provide warmth and depth to a wine initially defined by a nose of bright tart cherries. The tension between these components wrap nicely around lush rounded tannins, and make for a delicious and complex experience that finishes long.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Alcohol: 13.3%

pH: 3.73

