



2019 PROPRIETARY RED WINE

# ERUPTION

VOLCANO RIDGE VINEYARD - HIGH VALLEY APPELLATION

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.

## 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.

**ALCOHOL:** 15.15%