

2023 Pinot Gris

High Valley Appellation
High Serenity Ranch



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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. Remarkable for its cool marine breezes, volcanic soils and high elevations ranging from 1,800 to 3,000 feet, High Valley AVA remains an unbeatable North Coast winegrowing region, well off the beaten path. The largest natural lake in California, Clear Lake, wraps around the AVA and our region boasts the cleanest air 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

Our home ranch on the west side 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 Pinot Gris, Sauvignon Blanc, Viognier and Gewürztraminer. 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.

WINEMAKING

We harvest our grapes early in the morning to ensure peak acidity and freshness upon arrival to the winery. After gentle pressing, we allow the juice to cold settle overnight. The next day we rack the juice off heavy lees and ferment in small stainless-steel tanks. Sur lie aging with battonage (lees stirring) once a week in tank creates additional body, texture and viscosity in the wine. This wine was aged six months, lightly fined and filtered before bottling for maximum freshness and brilliant clarity.

TASTING NOTES

An elegant wrapping of bergamot perfumes the nose of our 2023 Pinot Gris. Juicy Bartlett pear aromas, along with delicious hints of honeyed green apple form the core of this vintage. A sparkling minerality pervades the entire palate enhancing the ripe pear and honey flavors, providing a persistent and mouthwatering finish.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Alcohol: 12.9%

pH: 3.26

Blend: 100% Pinot Gris

