



2021 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 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.

## 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 both Bordeaux and Rhone varietals. 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

At Brassfield Estate, our winemaking emphasizes quality and the use of traditional hand-crafted techniques, which create wines that have both power and finesse. The fruit for this blend was harvested in the early morning to maximize quality. The various components of our Eruption were fermented separately in small lots to enhance the varietal attributes needed to produce the perfect blend. This blend was then aged on both French and American Oak for 10 months for structure and character. This wine was lightly fined and filtered before bottling.

## TASTING NOTES

Full flavored and firmly tannic, our 2021 Eruption Red Blend combines delicious, concentrated aromas of blackberry and blueberry with accents of dried violet and oak spice. This wine shows the intensity, volume and palette-coating mouthfeel we have come to expect of our fruit from Volcano Ridge. A juicy and well-balanced finish rounds out each sip.

**ALCOHOL:** 14.9%

**pH:** 3.91%

**BLEND:** Malbec, Syrah, Petite Sirah, Mourvedre, Grenache