

# 2023

## Pinot Noir

High Valley Appellation  
High Serenity Ranch



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**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.**

### 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

Here at Brassfield Estate, our winemaking emphasizes quality and the use of traditional handcrafted techniques, which create wines that have both power and finesse. We harvested the grapes for our Estate Pinot Noir in the early morning to optimize fruit integrity. Vineyard blocks were fermented in separate stainless-steel tanks to enhance varietal complexity. The wine was then barreled down to undergo malolactic fermentation in our extensive wine caves. Once fermentation was finished, the wine was blended and aged on 40% new French oak to showcase fruit and structure. Sur lie aging with battonage (lees stirring) once a month created additional body and in the wine. This wine was lightly fined and filtered for brilliant clarity.

### TASTING NOTES

This wine unfolds with a harmonious blend of ripe plum, dried cherry and hints of pomegranate, creating a vibrant fruit-forward bouquet. On the palate, it is light-bodied yet richly textured, with soft tannins. The red fruit flavors persist, complemented by the subtle influence of French oak, which imparts a refined structure without overwhelming the fruit. The finish is enduring, leaving a lasting impression of fruit purity and a hint of spice.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

**Alcohol:** 13.2%

**pH:** 3.76

**Blend:** 100% Pinot Noir

