



2019 Pinot Noir

High Valley Appellation
High Serenity Ranch

WINEMAKING NOTES



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**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.

FRUIT

100% Pinot Noir

VINEYARDS

Fruit for Brassfield Estate Pinot Noir is harvested from three vineyard blocks situated in a west facing box canyon on the valley floor. This location is the coolest site in High Valley. The saddle in the ridge above the vineyard allows cooler air from above Clear Lake to spill down into the blocks, producing Pinot Noir with intense varietal character, notable color extraction, and excellent acid retention. The soil in these blocks is comprised of ancient lakeshore and the fruit is a mix of Dijon clones planted in a northeast and southwest orientation to optimize sun exposure during verasion.

WINEMAKING

Our Pinot Noir was harvested at the peak of ripeness in the early morning, hand-sorted, and placed in tank with 15% whole cluster. Vineyard blocks were kept separate during fermentation to enhance varietal complexity. Individual vessels of Pinot Noir underwent primary fermentation in stainless tanks with twice-daily aerative pump-overs. The wine was then barreled down to undergo malolactic fermentation naturally in our caves. Once fermentation was finished the wine was blended and aged with 25% new French Oak for 8 months.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2019 Brassfield Estate Pinot Noir draws you in with its rich garnet color, and reveals aromas of chocolate cherry, blackberry and toasted oak. Cola and pomegranate meet in the midpalate to offer bright fruit and warm spicy tones. The well-integrated oak provides structure and depth that fills the mouth and lingers nicely into the finish.

TECHNICAL NOTES

RS: 1.0 g/L

TA: 5.1 g/L

pH: 3.81

Alcohol: 14.23%