

## **David Ramey Joins Brassfield Estate Winery as Consulting Winemaker**

*Clearlake Oaks, CA – August 1, 2009* – Brassfield Estate Winery has announced that esteemed winemaker David Ramey will be their new consulting winemaker. David will be working closely with Brassfield's current winemaker, Kevin Robinson, and his staff in creating the best expressions from the estate grown vineyards in High Valley Appellation in Lake County, CA.

David is considered by many to be a pioneer and trendsetter in the California wine industry. His red wines are known for being lush, ripe and extremely well balanced. His white wines are loved for being fresh, bright and elegant.

David began his winemaking career at the esteemed Château Pétrus followed by stints as winemaker at Chalk Hill, Matanzas Creek, Dominus and most recently at Rudd Estate. David owns his own winery, Ramey Wine Cellars in Healdsburg, CA as well as consults with some of the leading producers in California.

In touring the Brassfield vineyards, David expressed his enthusiasm about helping to elevate Brassfield Estate and High Valley Appellation onto the same stage as its adjacent neighbors in Napa Valley to the South and Sonoma Valley to the West. He believes the diversity of soils and microclimates along with the cooling maritime breezes that come off of Clear Lake provide an amazing spice box from which to grow and produce great wines. He appreciates the value proposition inherent in Brassfield's brand and hopes to be able to extend that sense of "over-delivery" with wines that can compete with the best in California.

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