

Brassfield Estate 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve

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. Our Winemaker, Carlos Valadez, has generational roots at Brassfield Estate and is focused on certified sustainable viticulture practices and classic winemaking techniques.



ALCOHOL: 15.2 % | **pH:** 3.72 | **COMPOSITION:** 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Malbec, 5% Merlot

VINEYARD:

The Vineyards here at Brassfield Estate in High Valley are unique in their confluence of history, climate, elevation, and soil. Our Reserve wines are crafted from the blocks and sub-blocks throughout the estate known for producing our highest quality fruit. Each vineyard site—Monte Sereno, Rattlesnake Ridge, High Serenity, and Volcano Ridge—adds unique character to the wine, creating a complex and harmonious blend that reflects the beauty and uniqueness of High Valley. Each site has at least one very special block that has that intricate blend of microclimate and terroir capable of producing a wine that is not just a beverage, but an expression of the land and winemaking skill. Indulge in a glass of our Reserve wine, and you'll taste the unity of our land, a harmonious blend that resonates with the beauty and uniqueness of High Valley.

WINEMAKING:

At Brassfield Estate, our winemaking emphasizes quality and the use of traditional hand-crafted techniques, creating wines that have power and finesse. The grapes for this wine are sourced from exceptional blocks within our Volcano Ridge, Block 14 and Ridgeline West Vineyards, which are known to produce the highest quality Cabernet Sauvignon. The fruit was then carefully sorted and gently transferred into a combination of open top French oak puncheons and stainless-steel tanks. We kept fermentations healthy with pump overs in the stainless-steel tank, and twice daily punch-downs in the open top puncheons. After sending wines to 30% new French Oak and 70% neutral barrels, we allowed our wines to undergo malolactic fermentation in our extensive wine caves. This wine was stirred monthly on its lees to achieve body and texture and aged for 20 months. This wine was lightly fined and bottled with minimal filtration to preserve aromatics and maximize quality.

TASTING NOTES:

The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve presents an intense aroma that immediately draws you in. The nose is rich with ripe blackberry and a bouquet of purple flowers, creating a fragrant and alluring first impression. Underlying notes of tobacco and toasted oak add a layer of complexity and sophistication. On the palate, the wine is medium-bodied yet robust, featuring strong oak spice that provides a dynamic and warming sensation. Black currants and a hint of liqueur add depth and richness, enhancing the wine's flavorful profile. The robust tannins offer a firm structure, supporting the wine's bold character and contributing to its lasting finish. The finish is notably enduring, with a persistent oak spice that lingers and evolves, leaving a memorable impression of the wine's complexity and strength. This Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve is a well-rounded and compelling choice for those who appreciate a powerful and nuanced wine experience.