

2021 ROSÉ of PINOT NOIR

SERENITY

BRIGHT | AROMATIC | BALANCED

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 Clearlake, 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.

VINEYARDS

Our home ranch on the westside of the High Valley AVA has been known as "High Serenity Ranch" for over one hundred years. The blocks planted to this idyllic site include Pinot Noir, Sauvignon Blanc, Viognier and Gewurztraminer. Each block is comprised of ancient lakebed and alluvial soils from the surrounding mountain range. The transverse valley winds create some of the coolest sites in Lake County. The lower temperatures on the valley floor allow for diurnal temperature swings of more than forty degrees, enhancing flavor development while the retaining a crisp acidity.

WINEMAKING

We pick these Pinot Noir grapes exclusively for Rosé, at lower sugar levels, which translates into brighter flavors and a balanced body. After gentle pressing, we allowed the juice to cold settle overnight, this creates the delicate color we love to see in our Rosé. The next day we racked the juice off heavy lees and fermented in small stainless-steel tanks. Sur lie aging with battonage (lees stirring) once a week in tank creates additional body, texture and viscosity in the wine. This wine was aged six months, lightly fined and filtered before bottling for maximum freshness and clarity.

TASTING NOTES

Pale salmon in hue, this multifaceted rosé balances the juicy strawberry and raspberry aromas of the Pinot Noir fruit against a subtle suggestion of rose petal. Fruit forward and juicy, yet refreshing on the palate, it finishes with a precise lemon zest acidity and a lingering mouthfeel of strawberries and cream.

TECHNICAL NOTES

pH: 3.44

ALCOHOL: 13.0%

FRUIT: 100% Pinot Noir