

	Retail	Savings
<b>\$18.00</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>	<b>55%</b>

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## 2016 Brassfield product-timed-pdf - Malbec Volcano Ridge - Volcanically Grown Malbec, 55% Off!

### Why We're Drinking It

The volcanic soils are back! Wow! Our friends at Brassfield have generously provided us with another head-spinningly good wine to share with you. Single vineyard Malbec! 55% off! Awarded Best of Class by the San Francisco Chronicle 2020! Let's get to it, shall we.

As you may recall from our Brassfield Cabernet offer, these guys are located up in the High Valley AVA, farming vineyards ranging from 1900-2200ft. Volcano Ridge where this Malbec comes from is located on a site created by hundreds of volcanic eruptions from the nearby Round Mountain Volcano. The volcanic soils are filled with sand and tiny pebbles creating a perfect terroir for vines to struggle and produce fruit with structure, richness and complexity.

Winemaker Matt Hughes, who got his start in the lab at Kendall-Jackson and later worked at well-accoladed Vérité under Pierre Seillan, has had a passion for Lake County's winegrowing capabilities and even was the first president of the Lake County Winery Association. He collaborates with consulting winemaker David Ramey (yes that Ramey of Ramey Wines) to coax exemplary elegance out of this rough terrain.

For our \$18 price, this Malbec is spot on. Black plums, blackberries and mocha with hints of pepper, graphite, cedar and clove, it drinks a bit like a Cab but with that Malbec-y elegance and fruitiness we know and love. Nicely integrated tannins with a bit of zippy acidity, you can certainly lay this down for a few years and be pleasantly surprised.

55% off! \$108 a 6-pack delivered! Happy Monday!

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### Tasting Notes

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**VARIETAL**

Malbec

**APPELLATION**

High Valley, Lake County

**ALCOHOL**

14.60

**SIZE**

750ml

**BLEND**

Malbec

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### The Story to Know

Brassfield Estate Winery & Vineyards are located in the western section of High Valley at High Serenity Ranch on a truly distinctive and remarkable winegrowing property. Our valley floor vineyards sit at 1800 ft. elevation. The higher vineyard blocks rise to nearly 3000 ft. The temperature fluctuation on this unique property is always one of the most amazing experienced in California.

In 1973, Jerry Brassfield purchased the original 1,600 acres as a cattle ranch and wildlife preserve. Over the next three decades Jerry acquired additional contiguous properties. Today, the Brassfield Estate includes over 2,900 acres across both the eastern and the western sections of High Valley, as well as the Round Mountain Volcano.

In 1998, the different sections of the ranch were investigated for their potential to produce outstanding estate-grown

wines. The vineyard development started in 2001 has grown to a state-of-the-art farming operation as well as our winemaking facility.

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