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*el Coco*

**2015 The Crane Assembly G.B. Crane Vineyard el Coco**

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Dr. George Beldon Crane first established grapes on this site in the year 1885, making it one of the oldest vineyards in the Napa Valley. Although records are scarce, it was most likely planted as a field blend commonly known as “mixed blacks”. This field blend traditionally consisted of Zinfandel, Petite Sirah, Carignan, and a smattering of lesser-known grape varieties such as Alicante Bouschet, Mourvedre and Valdiguie.

Of the eight acres in production, approximately four acres contain a mixture of G.B. Crane’s original plantings with newer (1930) plantings interspersed. This four-acre block has been continuously farmed for one hundred and thirty years. As well as the four-acre old vine section there is also a 1.6-acre block of Cabernet Sauvignon, a 1.4-acre block of Petite Sirah, and two rows of Merlot.

We purchased the eight-acre vineyard in 2012. A group of friends with a common goal, to preserve this piece of California’s viticultural history and produce a wine that both represents and respects that history.

**2015 el Coco Blend Composition**

56% Old Vine Zinfandel 27% Petite Sirah 17% Merlot

**Production**

Production: 750 cases

**Retail Price**

\$75/bottle

**Tasting Notes**

Bold and concentrated, the 2015 El Coco is abundant in a ripe dark fruit continuum—black plums and boysenberry compote—and a hint of meatiness and toffee. Energetic and rich on the palate, the wine radiates with dark stone fruits, cinnamon and fresh Madagascar vanilla. With a nice balance of acidity, tannin and fruit, the El Coco begins to soften and finishes with length.

Winemaker – Kevin A. Fox