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el Coco

2014 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.

2014 el Coco Blend Composition

45% Old Vine Zinfandel 41% Petite Sirah 14% Merlot

Production

Production: 490 cases

Tasting Notes

Aromatics, abound and complete, the 2014 El Coco is replete with a wide spectrum from boysenberry jam and black plum to candied raspberries and nutmeg. The palate is ripe with dark stone fruits, blueberries, a hint of meatiness and confectionary orange, akin to mandarin encased foie gras. With just enough tannin to bind the flavors together, the wine finishes elegantly with a salivating savoriness that lingers.

Winemaker – Kevin A. Fox