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*el Coco*

**2017 G.B. Crane Vineyard el Coco**

In 1885, Dr. George Beldon Crane planted an assortment of grape vines on an eight-acre plot of land, just south of St. Helena. Today, it is one of the oldest vineyards in the Napa Valley, consisting of a field blend traditionally known as 'mixed blacks'. Although records are scarce, the vines likely consist of Zinfandel, Petite Sirah, Carignan and to a lesser extent, Alicante Bouschet, Mourvedre and Valdiguie.

Of the eight acres currently in production, approximately four contain a mixture of G.B. Crane's original head trained vines with newer plantings from the 1930s interspersed. The other four acres consist of a 1.6-acre block of Cabernet Sauvignon, a 1.4-acre block of Petite Sirah, and two rows of Merlot. With such a storied history and enormous potential, we purchased the eight-acre vineyard in 2012 with one goal: to preserve this piece of California viticultural history and produce a wine that both represents and respects that heritage.

**Blend Composition**

65% Petite Sirah, 24% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Zinfandel, 2% Merlot

**Production**

164 cases

**Alcohol**

15.7% ABV

**Retail Price**

\$75/bottle

**Winemaker Notes**

Deep, dark violets encircle rose hips, rose petals and black plums, with hints of sandalwood and cured leather. Lush, decadent and dense, the entry is packed with blackberry compote and Tellicherry Peppercorn. Full through the mid-palate with brooding energy, present tannins encapsulate the finish and will soften over time.