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2013 The Crane Assembly G.B. Crane Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

The G.B. Crane Vineyard

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.

2013 G.B. Crane Cabernet Sauvignon Composition

88% Cabernet Sauvignon 10% Petit Sirah 2% Merlot

Production

250 cases

Tasting Notes

Stoic, the 2013 GB Crane Cabernet Sauvignon opens with a layered nose of ripe black plum, blackcurrants, allspice and fir. Massive upon entry, the textured palate floods with flavors of blackberry compote, ristretto and hints of pomegranate, complicated by strings of brambly fruit. Ever evolving on both the nose and palate, the baking chocolate structure has integrated tannins that will soften in time.

Winemaker – Dave Phinney