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2017 The Crane Assembly 'Disciples' product-timed-pdf - Red Blend, Napa Valley, CA

Why We're Drinking It

To replicate the style and structure of the G.B. Crane Vineyard they began sourcing from other iconic vineyards in the area. The backbone of the 2017 Disciples Red Wine comes from the Morisoli Vineyard in Rutherford and the Tofanelli Vineyard in Calistoga. The Morisoli's have been farming their plot of land for 5 Generations, dating back to the 1890s. The Tofanelli's have been farming their ranch since 1929 and grow some of Napa's most coveted traditional field blend varietals.

Tasting Notes

Blend: 64% Zinfandel, 18% Petite Sirah, 13% Grenache, 5% Syrah.

Energetic aromas abound with Rainier cherry, briar blackberry and overripe loganberry flanked by hints of tomato leaf, green tobacco, white pepper and sweet Thai basil. Smooth and enveloping, flavors of bramble fruits, a dark stone fruit core and vanilla crème emerge. Effortlessly, the wine transitions into a soft finish of blackberry, lavender and just a shadow of tannin.

VARIETAL
Red Blend
ALCOHOL
14.50
SIZE
750ml
BLEND
Red Blend

The Story to Know

The Crane Assembly is centered around a unique eight-acre vineyard located in the gravel rich soils of southern St. Helena. It is believed that George Beldon Crane, or simply G.B. 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 are Crane's original plantings. This four-acre block has been continuously farmed for nearly one hundred and thirty years by a number of different people...and now it is our turn to take on that responsibility. In addition to Crane's 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.
