



THE CRANE ASSEMBLY

2023 G.B. Crane Vineyard George Field Select Red Wine

Established in 1860 by Dr. George Belden Crane, the G.B. Crane Vineyard lies just south of St. Helena and remains one of Napa Valley's oldest producing sites. The head-trained, dry-farmed vines—dominated by Zinfandel and Petite Sirah with smaller amounts of other traditional “mixed black” varieties—are rooted in gravelly alluvial soils that promote natural balance and concentration.

The 2023 growing season was long and temperate, with mild daytime highs and cool evenings preserving acidity and extending hang time. Fruit was hand-harvested in the early morning of October 11th under optimal conditions, yielding clusters of exceptional purity and phenolic maturity. Crafted by Maayan Koschitzky and Philippe Melka, this inaugural vintage under their direction captures the vineyard's hallmark intensity and structure with remarkable precision and balance.

Our goal remains to honor the site's 165-year legacy while refining its expression through thoughtful farming and restrained winemaking.

Blend Composition

50% Old Vine Zinfandel, 50% Petite Sirah

Production

398 Cases

Alcohol

15.2%

Retail Price

\$85/Bottle

Winemaker Notes

At first reserved, George slowly reveals its layers with the patience of history itself—aromas of cardamom, clove, and mocha intertwined with earthy herbs, dark blackberry, ripe plum, and a lift of violet. The palate is generous yet refined, brimming with black cherry and lush plum framed by classic Zinfandel spice—clove, allspice, and a touch of black pepper. A thread of dry herbs and mineral texture weaves through to a finish of cedar and dust, where supple tannins leave a graceful, lingering impression. Both grounded and expressive, this wine reflects the timeless character of the G.B. Crane Vineyard.

Winemakers – Maayan Koschitzky | Philippe Melka

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