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## 2016 The Crane Assembly 'Disciples' product-nottimed-pdf - Red Blend, Napa Valley, CA - 93pts WA | 90pts V - Award-Winning Wine

### Why We're Drinking It

**93pts Wine Advocate:** *A blend of 76% Zinfandel, 13% Charbono, 6% Grenache and 5% Petite Sirah, the 2016 Disciples is medium to deep garnet-purple in color with gorgeous notions of hoisin, Black Forest cake, prunes and potpourri with hints of black pepper, unsmoked cigars and cloves. Full-bodied, rich, opulent and oh-so-spicy, it fills the palate with decadent fruit and a plush texture, finishing with a lively lift. 3,924 cases produced.*

**90pts Vinous:** *The 2016 Disciples, a blend of 76% old vine Zinfandel, 13% Charbono, 6% Grenache and 5% Petite Sirah is a wine of real personality and class. Floral, silky and nuanced, with compelling purity of fruit and terrific balance, the Disciples is a winner. Striking fruit density and alluring aromatic presence add character to this mid-weight, super-classic wine.*

*The Crane Assembly is a new project headed by Dave Phinney of Orin Swift fame. Phinney and his three partners recently purchased a small eight acre vineyard in the heart of St. Helena that was once part of Dr. George Belden Crane's estate. Dr. Crane was one of the early settlers of St. Helena and played an integral role in the early history of Napa Valley. About half of the vineyard plantings date back to Crane's era, which is remarkable. The Crane Assembly is one of the most intriguing projects I have come across in some time. Readers should make an effort to taste these wines while they can.*

-- Antonio Galloni

To replicate the style and structure of the wines of the G.B. Crane Vineyard, Dave Phinney began sourcing from other iconic vineyards in the area. Starting in 2014 with the Morisoli Vineyard in Rutherford and the Milat Vineyard in St. Helena, these vineyards can be considered "disciples" of the ancient vines of Crane. While continuing to source grapes from these two vineyards, Phinney has also found other such bespoke vineyards to compliment the blend. Every year the search will continue and vineyards will be added. The goal is to create a blend that combines these wines, separate among equals, they are the disciples of Crane.

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#### **VARIETAL**

76% Zinfandel, 13% Charbono, 6% Grenache, 5% Petite Sirah

#### **APPELLATION**

Napa Valley

#### **ALCOHOL**

15.70

#### **SIZE**

750ml

#### **BLEND**

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#### **PRODUCTION**

3,924 cases produced

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## Reviews

### Tasting Notes from the Winery

Balanced and inviting, the wine opens with a concentrated nose of ripe strawberries, red plum, allspice, vanilla and a touch of black licorice and cigar box. A smooth and enveloping entry of dark red fruits and creme anglaise leads to a

fresh and bright mid-palate. The soft and integrated tannins finish at length with a pleasing texture of bakers chocolate.