

# Lail Vineyards

## 2001 Blueprint



Lail Vineyards traces its Napa Valley origins back five generations to the founding of Inglenook by our great-grand-uncle Gustav Niebaum in 1879. Continuing the family's quest for excellence, we aspire to produce some of the finest wines in the world.

Blueprint is an exciting new offering from Lail Vineyards. The wine is a stylistic outline of our flagship wine, J. Daniel Cuvee, and a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. "Blueprint", when compared to Lail Vineyard's J. Daniel Cuvee refers not only to the body of the wine, but also to Jon Lail's career as an architectural designer.

The grapes for Blueprint come from the younger vineyards in our portfolio. The Napa Valley appellations include St. Helena, Oakville, and Yountville. This delightful, stylish wine is 58% Merlot and 42% Cabernet Sauvignon. Just 800 cases were made by our winemaker Philippe Melka. The wine was aged in 35% new French oak barrels for 18 months.

Philippe finds freshness and complexity in the wine. "You can smell and taste soft red cherries and sage," he says, "and the mouth feel is round and focused with an elegant, lingering finish." Our advice is to enjoy the wine with a pasta dish, a hearty stew, a juicy hamburger, or a platter of cheeses.

PROPRIETORS: The Lail Family—Robin, Jon, Erin, and Shannon

THE WINE: 58% Merlot and 42% Cabernet Sauvignon

BARRELS: Aged 20 months in French oak barrels 35% new barrels

WINEMAKER: Philippe Melka

PRODUCTION: 800 cases

VINEYARDS: St. Helena, Oakville, and Yountville

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