

Lail Vineyards

2002 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 a stylistic outline of our flagship wine, J. Daniel Cuvee, and a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. "Blueprint" when compared to Lail Vineyards 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 52% Merlot and 48% Cabernet Sauvignon. Just 1000 cases were made by our winemaker Philippe Melka. The wine was aged in 35% new French oak barrels for 20 months.

Philippe finds the wine exhibits a deep red cherry color. A flamboyant nose combines primary aromas of blueberry, cassis, blackcurrant and vanilla. The mouthfeel is impressive with very good concentration of red fruits and plum. It is thick, creamy and lush. The various flavors are well integrated together and framed by good acidity. The wine has great backbones and will age very well.

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

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Barrels: Aged 20 months in French Oak Barrels 35% new barrels

Winemaker: Philippe Melka

Production: 1000 cases

Vineyards: St. Helena, Oakville, and Yountville

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