

Lail Vineyards

2004 Blueprint

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

Blueprint is aptly named as it is the stylistic outline of the original vintages of our flagship wine, J. Daniel Cuvee. It is a proprietary red wine made from red Bordeaux varietals. When making a proprietary wine, no specific percentages of any varietals are required and we have the flexibility to create the best blend the vintage offers. In 2004 the blend is 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot and 16% Cabernet Franc. This is the first year we have included Cabernet Franc.

Lail Vineyards has long term contracts to purchase grapes for Blueprint with outstanding vineyards in multiple appellations in Napa Valley. Lots are blended to produce a wine which will compliment a host of different foods including grilled or broiled steaks, salmon, pork loin roasts or chops, hamburgers and grilled or roast chicken.

The 2004 Blueprint is elegant and beautifully integrated with an appealing depth of flavors. Whether the wine is served at an important occasion or a simple dinner at home, we believe it will add a subtle note of pleasure to the meal. While showing beautifully at the time of release, the '04 should show excellently for a minimum of ten years.

Philippe Melka, winemaker at Lail since our inaugural vintage in 1995, notes, The nose reveals intense mix flavors of dry herbs, weedy tobacco, blueberry and sweet oak. Medium to full bodied, the wine expresses a beautiful integration of ripe fruit aromas, soft tannin and low acidity. Seductive, approachable, the delineation is perfect which contributes to a long sweet, vanilla and red cherry finish.

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

The Wine: 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot, & 16% Cabernet Franc

Barrels: Aged 20 months in French Oak Barrels 50% new barrels

Winemaker: Philippe Melka

Production: 2000 cases

Vineyards: Howell Mountain, St. Helena, Oakville, and Coombsville

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