

Lail Vineyards

2005 Blueprint



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

The name "Blueprint" is coined from Jon Lail's wine country architectural practice, Lail Design Group. Our first vintage of this wine was the 2001. Blueprint is a blend of Bordeaux varietals and the 2005 vintage is a cuvee of 71% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot and 4% Cabernet Franc. The wine is stylistically a blueprint of the early vintages of our flagship wine, J. Daniel Cuvee, which was a proprietary blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot from 1995-2000.

The grapes are sourced from outstanding vineyards in several sub-appellations in Napa Valley including Howell Mountain, Oakville, St. Helena, and Yountville. The lots are blended to produce a wine which enhances a wide variety of foods including grilled steaks, salmon, loin pork roasts or chops, all incarnations of lamb, hamburgers, pasta and grilled or roast chicken.

Philippe Melka has been our winemaker at Lail Vineyards since our inaugural vintage in 1995. He notes, "The 2005 Blueprint is seductive and approachable. The wine reveals dark notes of blackberries intermixed with vanilla, cacao and coconuts. In the mouth it is round with a pure attack and good balance finishing with raspberry and cherry flavors and well-integrated sweet tannins."

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

The Wine: 71% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, & 4% Cabernet Franc

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

Winemaker: Philippe Melka

Production: 2500 cases

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

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