

Lail Vineyards



PROPRIETORS: The Lail Family
WINEMAKER: Philippe Melka
APPELLATION: 100% Napa Valley
VINEYARD: Estate fruit plus select growers
VARIETALS: 85% Cabernet Sauvignon,
15% Merlot
PRODUCTION: 1984 cases of 12x750ml
BOTTLED: May 2008
RELEASE: February 2009

2006 BLUEPRINT CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY

THE PEOPLE

Lail Vineyards traces its Napa Valley roots back five generations to the founding of Inglenook in 1879 by Gustav Niebaum, great-grand uncle of Robin Daniel Lail. Passed down to third generation owner John Daniel, Jr., Inglenook thrived under his direction from 1933 to 1964 as he played a major role in the development of the Napa Valley appellation. The winery's flagship wine, "J. Daniel Cuvee", is named in his honor.

Lail Vineyards was founded in 1995 by fourth generation vintner Robin Lail and her family to carry the unique family legacy forward into the 21st Century. Generations five and six are woven into the tapestry of the venture with the involvement of daughters Erin and Shannon, and with the "Georgia" Sauvignon Blanc named for the first member of the sixth generation. Each year the family continues its passionate quest to produce the very finest wines in the world from the blend of their ingredients – the land, the seasons, the winemaking team and the spirit of the generations who led the way.

THE WINE

Introducing the first Blueprint Cabernet Sauvignon! Originally, this wine was whimsically dubbed 'Blueprint' as a nod to Jon Lail's Napa Valley architectural practice and also because it was made like our flagship J. Daniel Cuvee, which was a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Since the J. Daniel Cuvee has evolved to a Cabernet Sauvignon, so too has our Blueprint red wine with the 2006 vintage. It continues to be the proud sister to J. Daniel Cuvee, albeit with a focus on immediate manners at the dining table.

"Another new offering is the 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon Blueprint which is a blend of 85% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Merlot aged in 50% new oak. It is meant to be a reasonably good value by the standards of Napa Valley Cabernet, and it fulfills that task admirably. The deep ruby/purple hue is accompanied by notes of chocolate, black currants, earth, and spice. Medium to full-bodied and soft, it is ideal for drinking over the next decade. 90 points" –Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate