Lail Vineyards



PROPRIETORS: The Lail Family THE WINE: 100% Sauvignon Blanc WINEMAKER: Philippe Melka PRODUCTION: 177 cases VINEYARD: Coombsville, Napa Valley RELEASE: Summer 2008

2006 GEORGIA SAUVIGNON BLANC, NAPA VALLEY

THE PEOPLE

Lail Vineyards traces its Napa Valley roots back five generations to the founding of Inglenook 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 also played a major role in the development of the Napa Valley appellation. Both Niebaum and Daniel were recently inducted into the Vintners Hall of Fame at the Culinary Institute of America, Greystone. With Lail Vineyards, the traditions of Inglenook have been brought into the 21st century by Robin and her family partners. Georgia, the flagship Sauvignon Blanc, is named for the first member of the family's sixth generation in Napa Valley, Georgia Lail Dixon.

Each year with the blend of their ingredients – the land, the seasons, the winemaking team and the generations who led the way – the Lails continue their passionate quest to produce the very finest wines in the world.

THE WINE

"The grapes came from the Coombsville area where a cooler combination of soil and microclimate create a great harmony of flavors. In 2006 the grapes were carefully picked at night allowing them to stay cool until they were pressed. Not every vine was picked. After fermenting and aging for 19 months in one hundred percent French oak barrels, the wine was bottled in early April 2008 without fining or filtration. This 100% Sauvignon Blanc offers lemony aromas followed by a body rich with a perfect balance of acidity and minerality. The wine finishes with an impressive length of citrus, cream of vanilla and passion fruit."

— Philippe Melka, Winemaker

"Lail's Georgia is California's most complex and multi-dimensional Sauvignon Blanc." — Robert Parker