

Lail Vineyards



PROPRIETORS: The Lail Family

THE WINE: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

WINEMAKER: Philippe Melka

PRODUCTION: 617 cases

VINEYARD: St. Helena, Napa Valley

RELEASE: May 2008

2007 BLUEPRINT SAUVIGNON BLANC, 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

It's about 120 miles from Sancerre to Bordeaux, but worlds apart in the expression of the noble Sauvignon Blanc grape. While our "Georgia" Sauvignon Blanc shows off the classic characteristics of winemaker Philippe Melka's Bordeaux roots, our new 2007 Blueprint Sauvignon Blanc exhibits the fabulous acidity, intense minerality and amazing purity of its Sancerre sisters.

Born in a single vineyard in St. Helena and produced with a focus on preservation of aromatics and acidity through stainless steel living, the result is brilliant beyond our grandest expectations when we conceived of this new sibling white wine to our Blueprint Red bottling. It has a delicate pale straw robe, an elegant and intense floral perfume (geranium, melon and lime), and crisp fruit flavors with profound richness and length.

Book your ticket...you're off on a new Lail Vineyards adventure with this fabulous grape!