

Lail Vineyards



2007 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

This Cabernet Sauvignon is whimsically dubbed 'Blueprint' as a nod to partner Jon Lail's Napa Valley architectural practice and also because it was originally made like our flagship J. Daniel Cuvee, which was a non-varietal blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Since the J. Daniel Cuvee has evolved to a "Cabernet Sauvignon" designation, so too has our Blueprint red wine. It continues to be the proud sister to J. Daniel Cuvee, albeit with a focus on immediate manners at the dining table.

"The 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon Blueprint aims to provide realistic pricing for a Napa Cabernet. This excellent effort exhibits plenty of deep black currant fruit intertwined with hints of white chocolate, cocoa, and background oak. It possesses good density, medium body, and sweet tannin. Consume it over the next decade. 90 points"

–Robert Parker,
The Wine Advocate

PROPRIETORS: The Lail Family
WINEMAKER: Philippe Melka
APPELLATION: 100% Napa Valley
VINEYARD: Estate fruit plus select growers
VARIETALS: 75% Cabernet Sauvignon,
25% Merlot
PRODUCTION: 1788 cases of 12x750ml
BOTTLED: June 2009
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