

Lail Vineyards



2007 GEORGIA 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

"This 100% Sauvignon Blanc comes from vineyards located in the Yountville District and the Coombsville area of Napa Valley. In 2007, the grapes were picked under perfect conditions on August 29th and September 5th. After fermentation and aging for nineteen months in 100% new French oak barrels, the wine was bottled without filtration or fining on April 28th, 2009. The sumptuous bouquet of nectarines, golden apples, fresh vanilla and honeydew is extremely inviting; the mouth feel is distinguished by a refined texture and complex aromatics of dried fruit, vanilla and wet stones. I recommend decanting and serving around 60°F"

— Philippe Melka, Winemaker

"The 2007 Sauvignon Blanc Georgia, a blend of Farella Vineyard fruit and a Yountville site called Totem, may be the finest example of this cuvee since the 2002. With superb fruit intensity, a medium to full-bodied style, and a sumptuous bouquet of honeyed citrus, subtle smoke, nectarines, wet stones, and a waxy character, this complex, stunningly promising, dry Sauvignon Blanc should drink well for 4-6 years. 92-94 points."

— Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate

PROPRIETORS: The Lail Family
–Robin, Jon, Erin and Shannon

THE WINE: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

WINEMAKER: Philippe Melka

PRODUCTION: 199 cases of 12x750ml,
35 cases of 12x375ml

VINEYARD: Yountville and Coombsville

RELEASE: Summer 2009