

Lail Vineyards



2008 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

"Another great year for Sauvignon Blanc; despite the very small production, the quality of the grapes was unbelievable creating a powerful, long aging style of wine. Harvested in late August, the wine aged 17 months in 100% new French oak and was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered in late March 2010. Seductive and powerful, the nose expresses butterscotch, honeysuckle and dried apricot. Layered in the mouth with complex aromatics of white flowers, brioche and fresh vanilla, the refined texture and powerful structure create a perfect harmony of elegance and depth. Decanting and serving at 55F are recommended."

— Philippe Melka, Winemaker

"The 2008 Sauvignon Blanc Georgia... is more primary, fresh, lively, and medium to full-bodied revealing subtle notes of smoke, honeysuckle, a waxy minerality, and delicate flavors offered in a surprisingly fleshy style. It is difficult to say how long these wines will age, but I suspect they have more potential for a long life than most people suspect. 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: 170 cases of 12x750ml, 30 cases of 12x375ml

VINEYARDS: Yountville and Coombsville

RELEASE: Summer 2010