Lail Vineyards



PROPRIETORS: The Lail Family
Robin, Jon, Erin and Shannon
THE WINE: 100% Sauvignon Blanc
WINEMAKER: Philippe Melka
PRODUCTION: 1071 cases of 12 x 750ml
VINEYARD: 100% Napa Valley
RELEASE: May 2010

2009 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

While our highly regarded "Georgia" Sauvignon Blanc shows off the classic characteristics of winemaker Philippe Melka's Bordeaux roots in a Graves style, our "Blueprint" Sauvignon Blanc exhibits the fabulous acidity, minerality and amazing purity of its Sancerre sisters.

Produced with a focus on preservation of aromatics and acidity, 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.

The first two vintages of this wine were roundly praised by leading wine writers and wine-loving consumers alike. This 2009 bottling is clearly their equal.