

Lail Vineyards



2009 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

"Explosive nose dominated by aromas of Meyer lemon curd and white flowers. The aromas revolve around the acidity running throughout the wine with delicate layers of pecan and white pepper. Tactile, lingering, creamy, and silky. Barrel fermented and aged 16 months in 100% new French oak to deliver this generous expression of Sauvignon Blanc."

— Philippe Melka, Winemaker

"The 2009 Sauvignon Blanc Georgia, which comes from a Yountville vineyard, reveals a perfume of honeyed melons, subtle smoke and a distinctive minerality. Medium-bodied and intense with abundant texture and concentration, the oak aging is present in the background, but the wine has the texture and power of a Chardonnay with its Sauvignon flavors well-displayed. Could last for a decade although I suspect best drunk during the first 2-3 years of life. This is a beauty. 91-93 points"

— Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate

"Slightly hazy yellow with a green tinge. Penetrating aromas of candied lemon drop, pineapple, citrus oil, coconut and minerals, lifted by a floral high note and some sexy oak tones. Glyceric but with a firm acid spine intensifying the fruit and giving it cut. Finishes with excellent lemony, stony persistence. Winemaker Philippe Melka says this is actually rather soft in acidity for 2009 Sauvignon Blanc, but I find it sufficiently taut. 91-93 points"

— Stephan Tanzer, International Wine Cellar

PROPRIETORS: The Lail Family

–Robin, Jon, Erin and Shannon

THE WINE: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

WINEMAKER: Philippe Melka

PRODUCTION: 208 cases of 12x750ml,
30 cases of 12x375ml

VINEYARDS: Totem Vineyard (Yountville)

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