

# Lail Vineyards



## 2010 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-granduncle 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

*"Georgia is a selection of our best barrels showcasing the complex and intense fruit from our estate Totem Vineyard in Yountville, aged for 16 months in 100% new French oak. The wine is unique: powerful and concentrated while elegant, with ripe Meyer lemon and white flowers on the nose. The mouth is silky, almost velvety, rich and ripe, finishing on a high note with fresh pecan nuts, accents of white pepper over layers of fruits, ripe lemons, pear and fresh herbs."*

—Philippe Melka, Winemaker

**PROPRIETORS:** The Lail Family

– Robin, Jon, Erin & Shannon

**THE WINE:** 100% Sauvignon Blanc

**WINEMAKER:** Philippe Melka

**PRODUCTION:** 240 cases

**VINEYARDS:** Totem Vineyard - Yountville

**RELEASE:** Summer 2012

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*"Smoke, slate, crushed rocks, nectarines and orange blossoms are some of the many nuances that are woven together in Lail's 2010 Sauvignon Blanc Georgia. A gorgeous, textured white, the Graves-inspired Georgia stands out for its exceptional overall balance and finesse. There is plenty of richness to fill out the wine's broad shoulders, but no excess heaviness. The 2010 spent 17 months in French oak barrels, 83% new, all of which it handles with grace. **93 points**"*

— Antonio Galloni, Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate

*"Bright green-tinged yellow. Cooler on the nose and palate than the 2009, offering notes of underripe pineapple, crushed rock, gooseberry, licorice and fresh herbs. Suave and energetic, with penetrating minerality contributing to the impression of purity and thrust. Showing more definition and phenolic grip than the oakier 2009, this should make a dynamite food wine. Winemaker Philippe Melka stirs the lees for the first six months. A superb and distinctive California Sauvignon. **93 points**"*

— Stephan Tanzer, International Wine Cellar