

Lail Vineyards



2011 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-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 Cuvée", 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

"An elegant expression of Sauvignon Blanc from a combination of warm-climate St. Helena and cool-climate Coombsville fruit, Blueprint 2011 is barrel fermented in French oak at cold temperatures to preserve the fresh citrus zest and lemongrass touches. There are a myriad of flavors, including ripe peach, geranium, lime and true varietal boxwood essence. The cool growing season adds a bright acid structure to the Meyer lemon cream texture. Due to a very small crop in 2011, quantities are limited, but quality is exceptional."

—Philippe Melka, Winemaker

HOW TO SERVE

Serve at 50-55 degrees Fahrenheit with just about anything: from salads, pasta, fish and poultry, all the way to Asian cuisines which are not overly spicy.

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

THE WINE: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

WINEMAKER: Philippe Melka

PRODUCTION: 640 cases

VINEYARDS: St. Helena and Coombsville

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