

Lail Vineyards



2011 BLUEPRINT CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 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 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.

"Soft and generous, the 2011 Blueprint Cabernet Sauvignon has attractive silky tannins that underlie a bed of ripe cranberries, blackberries, licorice, flowers and spices. Complementing the red fruit character you will find elegant touches of dry leaves and cigar box. There is gorgeous depth and purity to the fruit in this round, supple, early drinking wine."

— Philippe Melka, Winemaker

PROPRIETORS: The Lail Family

WINEMAKER: Philippe Melka

APPELLATION: Napa Valley

VINEYARDS: Estate fruit plus select growers

VARIETALS: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

PRODUCTION: 1572 cases
(bottles as 3144 units of 6x750ml)

BOTTLED: Spring 2013

RELEASE: Summer 2013

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93 *"The 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon Blueprint jumps from the glass with freshly cut flowers, mint, sweet spices and red berries. The flavors are wonderfully alive and precise in this mid-weight, delineated Cabernet Sauvignon. With time in the glass, the fruit begins to emerge as the wine opens up and shows a little more juiciness. Dark red berries and sweet spices linger on the close. The 2011 was from a variety of sources; Vine Hill Ranch, Lambert, Evans, Broken Rock, Heimark and Mole Hill. The ability to blend fruit from a number of sources gave consulting winemaker Philippe Melka the opportunity to get the most out of the vintage, and he crushed it with this superb Cabernet Sauvignon. **93 POINTS**"*

— Antonio Galloni