

Lail Vineyards

BLUEPRINT CABERNET SAUVIGNON VINTAGE 2012, NAPA VALLEY

ACCOLADES

93 points

“As for the red wines, the 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Blueprint, which comes from four sources spread from Southern Napa Valley in Coombsville to the largest source – a vineyard in Calistoga – is a blend of 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot and 4% Petit Verdot aged 17 months in about one-half new French oak. Dense ruby/purple, it has the dramatic ostentatious and flamboyant style of 2012 imprinted all over it. Terrific cassis fruit, a hint of blueberry, licorice, tar, and camphor all are present in this full-bodied opulent, sexy and sensual wine. Drink it over the next decade.”

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— Robert Parker, Jr. *The Wine Advocate*, October 2014

“Black cherry, mocha, spices, menthol and new leather meld together in Lail’s 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Blueprint. Dark, sensual and totally voluptuous, the 2012 captures the opulent side of the year to the fullest.”

— Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*

WINEMAKER NOTES

“This Lail Vineyards 2012 Blueprint Cabernet Sauvignon is deep purple in color, with a wonderful nose of violets, dark red and blue fruits, black licorice, chocolate and a hint of Asian spices. The mouthfeel is extremely inviting with great energy, freshness and viscosity. Full bodied and rich, the combination of velvety texture, bright acidity, substantial but refined tannins, and complex layers of flavors create a sense of sophistication and liveliness. This is a beauty!”

— Philippe Melka, *Winemaker*

PARTNERS

Robin Daniel Lail,
Erin Lail & Shannon Lail

WINEMAKER

Philippe Melka

VARIETAL

88% Cabernet Sauvignon,
8% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot

VINEYARDS

Heimark Vineyard - Calistoga
Mole Hill Vineyard - Howell Mountain Estate
Vine Hill Ranch Vineyard - Oakville
Lambert Vineyard - Coombsville
Evans Vineyard - Soda Canyon

BARREL REGIMEN

17 months in French oak barrels; 53% new



OUR STORY

The name “Blueprint” is a double entendre salute to my husband, Jon Lail, a noted Napa Valley architect, and a description of the wine as the outline (blueprint) of our flagship Cabernet J. Daniel Cuvée. This year the Blueprint has both Merlot and a bit of Petit Verdot for the first time, with the focus still on early enjoyment in a delicious, crowd-pleasing style.

Lail Vineyards was founded in 1995 by fourth generation vintner Robin Daniel Lail, and her daughters Erin and Shannon. Lail Vineyards traces its Napa Valley roots back five generations to the founding of Inglenook Vineyards in 1879 by Robin Daniel Lail’s great-granduncle, Gustav Niebaum. Inglenook was passed down to Robin’s father, John Daniel, Jr., a Napa Valley legend and inductee in the Vintners Hall of Fame and the namesake for our flagship J. Daniel Cuvée.