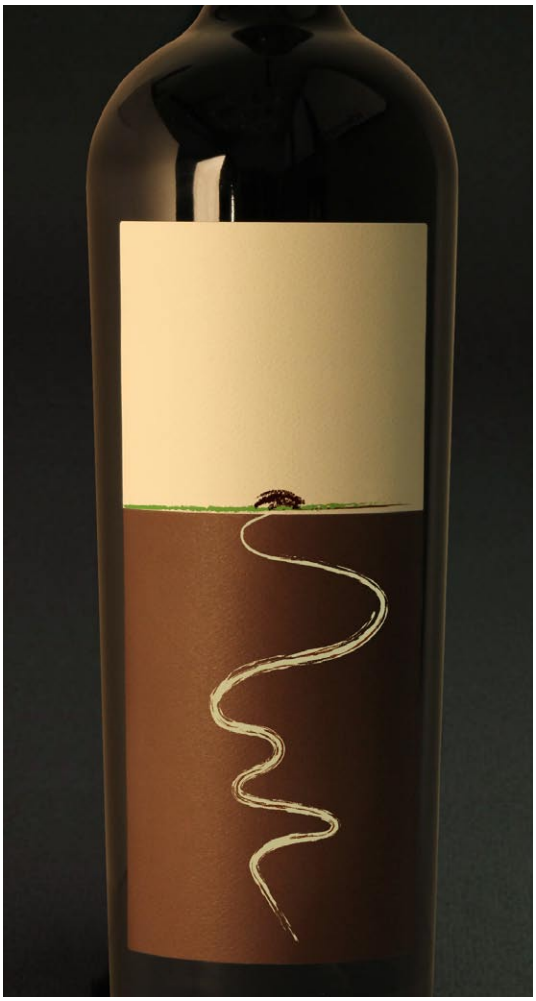
Lail Vineyards



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

THE WINE: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

WINEMAKER: Philippe Melka

PRODUCTION: 834 two-packs of 750ml, 68 1.5L bottles and 2 3L bottles

VINEYARD: Mole Hill, Howell Mountain

RELEASE: October 1, 2013

2010 MOLE HILL CABERNET SAUVIGNON, HOWELL MOUNTAIN, NAPA VALLEY

THE STORY

John Daniel, Jr., Renaissance gentleman and wine statesman, loved puns. In the late 1940's one of his industry friends released a *'Mountain Red'* wine. Daniel thought the name was amusing as the wine came from a rolling hillside vineyard, versus the precipitous mountain vineyards of Europe.

That year he made an in-house wine at Inglenook called *'Mole Hill Red'*. The front label featured a mole with a magnifying glass checking a pile of dirt. The flowery back label concluded with "...and this is a wine you will truly GO FER!"

THE VINEYARD

Today, Mole Hill is our three-acre Cabernet Sauvignon vineyard with loam soil approximately two feet deep. Planted in 1993, it is nestled beside a gorge on Howell Mountain at 1700 feet with a western exposure. The gorge acts as a vacuum pulling summer fog up from the valley floor, creating a unique microclimate for the vineyard. Small rocks are prolific and rise to the surface like cream in coffee. In combination with soil depth, this creates a spartan home for the vines, generating a concentration of flavors in the grapes.

THE WINE

"Very consistent in style with our two prior Mole Hill bottlings, this wine clearly expresses the classic Howell Mountain briary, spicy characteristics of blackberries, Asian spices, boysenberry and dark chocolate. The mid palate is laden with roasted coffee and vanilla flavors. It has vibrant bright acidity and the firm but fine glossy tannins often seen from the appellation, and ends with a cigar box and creamy vanillin finish, showing youthfulness and great finesse with the potential for longevity in the cellar."

—Philippe Melka, Winemaker

MOLE HILL 2010 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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