

# Lail Vineyards



## MOLE HILL CABERNET SAUVIGNON VINTAGE 2014, NAPA VALLEY

### WINEMAKER NOTES

“Another great growing season on Howell Mountain delivers this classic, pure Cabernet Sauvignon. It has that signature family of black fruit aromas and flavors: boysenberry, blackberry, loganberry and black raspberry. Fine tannins and bright acidity provide a frame upon which these flavors dance and cavort. This is a large shouldered wine with power aplenty, and will continue to add nuance and refinement for years to come.”

—*Philippe Melka, Winemaker*

### MOLE HILL IS THE CROWN JEWEL OF LAIL VINEYARDS

It is an ultra-luxury wine bordering on decadent with its showcase of Howell Mountain seductive aromatics, velvety palate of fascinating complexity and a lingering finish which remains when you set down your glass. Production is small and demand is big. Produced only from the best growing seasons, this serious wine also has a sense of humor. Each year the path of the mole changes on the label designating a new vintage for your collection.

**PARTNERS** | Robin Daniel Lail, Erin Lail, Shannon Lail

**VARIETAL** | 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**VINEYARD** | Mole Hill Vineyard

**BARREL REGIMEN** | 20 months in French oak barrels; 100% new

**WINEMAKER** | Philippe Melka

### MOLE HILL STORY

Mole Hill was named in homage to a wine created by Robin's father, famous vintner John Daniel, Jr.

The story goes that when Daniel's great friend, Luis Martini Sr., made a wine in the 1940s, the irony of him labeling it Mountain Red was not lost on Daniel because Martini's wine was from a rolling hillside vineyard versus the precipitous mountain vineyards of Europe. A brilliant man with a celebrated sense of humor and a particular love of puns, Daniel responded with Inglenook Mole Hill Red, whose whimsical label featured a very cute mole with a magnifying glass checking a small pile of dirt. The overtly flowery back label concluded with "...and this is a wine you will truly GO FER!"

In 1996, the Lail family acquired a special vineyard site high atop Howell Mountain, and named it Mole Hill. The vineyard's west-facing gentle slope has shallow soils with rocks that rise to the surface like cream in coffee, creating a spartan home for the vines and generating a concentration of flavors in the grapes. These thin, rocky and dry soil conditions create Cabernet Sauvignon with firm structure, incredible varietal intensity, and excellent aging properties.

We now make a Mole Hill out of a mountain!