

Lail Vineyards



BLUEPRINT CABERNET SAUVIGNON VINTAGE 2016, NAPA VALLEY

ACCOLADES

96 Points & Editor's Choice

"This is a stunningly beautiful wine at this price point, age-worthy and complex, it will stay with you long after it's gone. Opening in cedar, clove and cinnamon, it follows with a dusting of cocoa powder and toasted oak, before it offers a lingering thread of mineral in the form of crushed rock, violet, red and black currant. Structured as it goes, it finishes soft and silky. This is a wine for the cellar as well."

—*Virginie Boone, Wine Enthusiast Magazine*

93 Points

"The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Blueprint is fabulous, not to mention a huge overachiever in its price range. A burst of sweet red cherry, plum, espresso, chocolate, tobacco, menthol and French oak hits the palate. Expressive, pliant and super-inviting, the 2016 has so much to offer. Best of all, it will drink well upon release."

—*Antonio Galloni, Vinous Media*

93 Points

"Subtle sweet-and-sour character with fresh tobacco and currants. Medium body and round, lightly velvety tannins. Flavorful finish. Juicy. Traditional and real. Complex."

—*James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com*

92 Points 🍷

"Unabashedly ripe though it may be, this high-volume offering is very keen in fruit and offers glimmers of nascent layering that sets it apart from so many similarly inclined wines. It serves as an instructive reminder that high ripeness in itself is no sin and is not of necessity antithetical to balance, and, here, Lail has very capably come up with a Cabernet that is at once very rich and well-structured."

—*Connoisseur's Guide to California Wine*

92 Points

"Moving to the reds, the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Blueprint is the entry-level release and is 95% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Petit Verdot, sourced from numerous vineyards, and aged in 51% new French oak. It has textbook dark fruits, cedary spice, and earth notes, medium to full body, good concentration, and a balanced, classic style that's incredibly satisfying. It will keep for 15+ years."

—*Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com*

PARTNERS | Robin Daniel Lail, Erin Lail, Shannon Lail
VARIETALS | 95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Petit Verdot
APPELLATIONS | Howell Mountain
Oakville
Calistoga
Rutherford
Coombsville
Yountville
Napa Valley (Soda Canyon area)

BARREL REGIMEN | 18 months in French oak barrels; 51% new
WINEMAKER | Philippe Melka
PRODUCTION | 2310 cases