

Lail Vineyards



BLUEPRINT CABERNET SAUVIGNON VINTAGE 2016, NAPA VALLEY

ACCOLADES

96 Points & Editor's Choice —*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*

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.”

91 Points

—*Connoisseur's Guide to California Wine*

“Made up of 95% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Petit Verdot aged 17 months in 51% new French oak, the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Blueprint is deep garnet-purple colored and gives up expressive notes of warm plums, blackberry pie and blueberry compote with touches of Indian spices, black pepper, cigar box and dusty soil. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is packed with spicy black fruit preserves, framed by velvety tannins and plenty of freshness, finishing long with a peppery kick.”

—*Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate*

PARTNERS | Robin Daniel Lail, Erin Lail, Shannon Lail
VARIETALS | 95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Petit Verdot
VINEYARDS | Mole Hill Vineyard - Howell Mountain Estate
Vine Hill Ranch Vineyard - Oakville
Lambert Vineyard - Coombsville
Evans Vineyard - Soda Canyon
San Savino - Yountville
Heimark - Calistoga
Beckstoffer Georges III - Rutherford
Renteria 360 - Rutherford
Round Pond - Rutherford

BARREL REGIMEN | 18 months in French oak barrels; 51% new

WINEMAKER | Philippe Melka

PRODUCTION | 2310 cases

WINEMAKER NOTES

“Blueprint Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 is deep ruby with purple edges in color, with exotic aromas of black cherry, plum, cassis and dark chocolate. Echoing the aromas, spicy flavors of blackberry, mint and boysenberry add further intrigue and complexity. It is creamy, rich, lush and simply delicious.”

—*Philippe Melka, Winemaker*