

Lail Vineyards



2011 J. DANIEL CUVÉE CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY

THE PEOPLE

Lail Vineyards traces its Napa Valley roots back five generations to the founding of Inglenook in 1879 by Gustav Niebaum, great-granduncle of Robin Daniel Lail. Passed down to third generation owner John Daniel, Jr., Inglenook thrived under his direction from 1933 to 1964 as he played a major role in the development of the Napa Valley appellation.

The winery's flagship wine, "J. Daniel Cuvee", is named in his honor. Lail Vineyards was founded in 1995 by fourth generation vintner Robin Lail and her family to carry the unique family legacy forward into the 21st century. Generations five and six are woven into the tapestry of the venture with the involvement of daughters Erin and Shannon, and with the "Georgia" Sauvignon Blanc named for the first member of the sixth generation. Each year the family continues its passionate quest to produce the very finest wines in the world from the blend of their ingredients – the land, the seasons, the winemaking team and the spirit of the generations who led the way.

"The JDC 2011 begins with a seductive nose, exploding with aromas of clove, anise and mocha. The palate is very refined with rich flavors of lavish black cherry, fresh blue and black fruits and well structured tannins. The wine shows intensity and a flowing progression that leads to a finish of lush sweet oak intermingled with various red fruit notes."

— Philippe Melka, Winemaker

PROPRIETORS: The Lail Family

– Robin, Jon, Erin & Shannon

THE WINE: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

WINEMAKER: Philippe Melka

PRODUCTION: 643 cases
(bottled as 1286 units of 6x750ml)

VINEYARDS: Howell Mountain,
Oakville & Dutch Henry Canyon

RELEASE: Spring 2014

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94+ *"Lail's flagship wine, the 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon J. Daniel Cuvee, is another rich, extroverted offering. Mocha, plums, chocolate, cloves, licorice and spices all emerge from a surprisingly big, full-bodied Cabernet Sauvignon. The 2011 is explosive, rich and intense, with equally imposing tannins that are going to need at least a few years to settle down. This is an impressive showing from Lail. The J. Daniel Cuvee is built on a core of fruit from Heimark, plus Mole Hill and Vine Hill Ranch. **94+ POINTS**"*

— Antonio Galloni