

Lail Vineyards



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

THE WINE: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

WINEMAKER: Philippe Melka

PRODUCTION: 705 cases (bottled as 1410
units of 6x750ml)

VINEYARDS: Howell Mountain and Oakville

RELEASE: Summer 2009

2006 J. DANIEL CUVEE 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-grand uncle 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 WINE

"The 2006 harvest was normal, with our Howell Mountain and Oakville vineyards picked from mid to late October. Aged in 75% new French oak for twenty-one months, this 100% Cabernet Sauvignon was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered on the 12th of August, 2008. Power, power, power comes to mind after smelling the wine, showing intense aromatics of black currant, anise, graphite, creosote and dark chocolate. Despite its power, the wine is seductive with great oak integration, delineation and purity."

—Philippe Melka, Winemaker

"The 2006 J. Daniel Cuvee is living up to my laudatory notes from last year. Black current, crushed rock, licorice, asphalt, graphite, and chocolate characteristics are present in this full-bodied effort. With excellent purity, depth and delineation, it should drink beautifully for 20+ years. 95 points."

— Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate