

Best Wines For Mother's Day - Celebrate With Women Winemakers

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The mother and daughters team at Napa's Lail Vineyards produce coveted and highly rated wines that... [+]

With Mother's Day less than a month away, it is time to start thinking about wine, either as a gift or to serve with a meal. Since this holiday is all about the women in your life, why not choose a top selection from the growing but still underrepresented sisterhood of female winemakers and vineyard owners?

More than a few of the nation's finest wines are now being made by women, and this is not meant to be a comprehensive list. Rather it is a sampling of some of my favorites, mixed with other popular labels, both niche and widely available.



LAIL VINEYARDS

Sauvignon Blanc lovers will love Lail Vineyards.

Lail Vineyards: Let's start at the top by going highbrow. When nothing is too good for Mom, consider the 2015 Georgia Sauvignon Blanc (\$150) from one of Napa's top boutique wineries, producing some of the most elusive, coveted bottles in America's most famed appellation. Done in the style of Bordeaux's left bank Graves, this is a serious wine and one of the few whites Mom may want to wait to drink - esteemed critic Robert Parker gave it a whopping 95-97 point rating and suggested laying it down for a dozen years and watching it improve. Napa's women-owned and operated Lail Vineyards was the vision of Robin Daniel Lail, whose two daughters, Erin and Shannon, are both partners - and the family's sixth generation of Napa Valley vintners - and will carry on the family business. That alone would be reason to pick it for Mother's Day, but these are also awesome wines, and if you want to still go upscale without breaking the bank, Lail's 2016 Blueprint Sauvignon Blanc (\$40) is an excellent choice, and ready to enjoy right now, with bright tropical and citrus fruit flavors.