

Lail Vineyards



2006 J. DANIEL CUVÉE CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY

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 unfinned 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



95 The 2006 J. Daniel Cuvée 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.

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)

VINEYARD: Howell Mountain and Oakville

RELEASE: Summer 2009



95 Lush, rich, beguiling now. Tastes fat and unctuous, like a Pomerol despite being made from 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, offering a creamy wealth of cherries, currants, chocolate, anise, herbs, spices and smoky oak. For all the flamboyance, it's bone dry, with classically solid Napa tannins, courtesy of fruit from Oakville and Howell Mountain. Should develop in the bottle through 2018. –J.L.