

Lail Vineyards



J. DANIEL CUVÉE CABERNET SAUVIGNON VINTAGE 2016, NAPA VALLEY

ACCOLADES

100 Points

“One-hundred percent Cabernet Sauvignon aged 20 months in 75% new French oak, the 2016 J. Daniel Cuvée is deep garnet-purple in color and offers up exuberant notes of crème de cassis, chocolate-covered cherries, wild blueberries, violets and unsmoked cigars with touches of garrigue, fragrant earth, powdered cinnamon, black olives and tree bark. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is built like a brick house, with a solid frame of firm, grainy tannins and seamless freshness supporting the taut, muscular fruit, finishing long and minerally.”

—Robert Parker's *The Wine Advocate*

98+ Points

“The flagship 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon J. Daniel Cuvée takes things up to a whole other level and is a thrill a moment. Made from 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, from the Mole Hill, Vine Hill Ranch, and Heimark vineyards that spent 20 months in 75% new oak, it sports a deep purple color as well as a spectacular bouquet of crème de cassis, black raspberries, graphite, and spicy oak. Possessing incredible purity, full-bodied richness, building structure, and a big finish, it's a quintessential, age-worthy Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon that I suspect will require more than a decade to hit prime time and will keep for 3+ decades. Bravo!”

—Jeb Dunnuck, *JebDunnuck.com*

97 Points

“Lail's 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon John Daniel Cuvée is absolutely fabulous. Dark, powerful and brooding, the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon John Daniel Cuvée offers superb intensity and richness in all of its dimensions. Black cherry, plum, graphite, smoke, licorice and dark spice add to an impression of gravitas and pure, brooding power. Game, smoke, tobacco, grilled herbs, gravel and scorched earth undertones add the closing shades of nuance. Vineyard sources are Heimark, Vine Hill Ranch and Mole Hill.”

—Antonio Galloni, *Vinous Media*

97 Points

“Love the green olives, blackberries and sweet tobacco. Hints of walnuts and wet earth. Full-bodied yet reserved and very tight with beautiful richness and focus. Dense and exciting. A blend of Oakville and Howell Mountain. Great Napa Cabernet.”

—James Suckling, *JamesSuckling.com*

PARTNERS | Robin Daniel Lail, Erin Lail, Shannon Lail

VARIETAL | 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARDS | Mole Hill Vineyard - Howell Mountain Estate
Vine Hill Ranch Vineyard - Oakville
Heimark Vineyard - Calistoga

BARREL REGIMEN | 20 months in French oak barrels; 75% new

WINEMAKER | Philippe Melka

PRODUCTION | 955 cases