

Lail Vineyards



J. DANIEL CUVÉE CABERNET SAUVIGNON VINTAGE 2014, NAPA VALLEY

ACCOLADES

97 Points

“Cabernet collectors take note! Here is an incredibly deep and exceptionally structured rendition that more than deserves the much-overused term “classic,” and its marvelous combination of stamina, strength, layering and precise, terrifically sustained varietal fruit is one that is rarely equaled let alone surpassed. As great wines will inevitably do, it reveals a bit more of itself with each sniff and sip, and, even though it shows an unexpected sense of polish and manages to avoid the pronounced tannic harshness of youth, this is one that is some time away from living up to its certain promise. It is not inexpensive, but it makes good on the boast that its price tag poses.”

— *Connoisseur's Guide to California Wine*

95 Points

“The 2014 J. Daniel Cuvée Cabernet Sauvignon comes from three sources – the family vineyard called Mole Hill at a 1700-foot elevation on Howell Mountain, the Vine Hill Ranch Vineyard and Heimark Vineyard in Calistoga. A gorgeous 2014, with notes of graphite, mulberry and blackcurrant, this full-bodied, opaque purple wine offers terrific fruit purity, sweet tannin, and a long finish of a good 45+ seconds. It was aged 19 months in 75% new French oak and is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon.”

— *Robert Parker, Jr., The Wine Advocate*

95 Points

“The 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon J. Daniel Cuvée turned out beautifully. In fact, it is even better from bottle than it was from barrel. Deep, unctuous and powerful, but with good freshness, the 2014 hits all the right notes. Specifically, the 2014 offers tons of richness...”

— *Antonio Galloni Vinous*

PARTNERS | Robin Daniel Lail, Erin Lail, Shannon Lail

VARIETAL | 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Mole Hill Vineyard - Howell Mountain Estate, Heimark

VINEYARDS | Vineyard - Calistoga, Vine Hill Ranch Vineyard - Oakville

BARREL REGIMEN | 19 months in French oak barrels; 75% new

WINEMAKER | Philippe Melka

OUR STORY

Our story began in 1879 when Robin Daniel Lail's great-granduncle, Gustav Niebaum, pioneered fine winemaking in the Napa Valley when he founded Inglenook Winery. Inglenook was passed down to Robin's grandfather and then to her father, John Daniel Jr., a true innovator and wine industry leader who produced legendary wines. In 1995, after years working with other Napa Valley icons (Robert Mondavi, Bill Harlan, Christian Moueix), Robin's dream of creating her own extraordinary wines set flight when she and her daughters, Erin and Shannon, assembled a multifaceted team of talent and set out on her own by launching Lail Vineyards. Today, the venture carries forward the stories and patina of over 135 years of winemaking into the 21st Century. The family continues its passionate quest to produce the very finest wines from the blend of its ingredients – the land, the seasons, the winemaking team, and the spirit of the generations who led the way.