

Lail Vineyards



J. DANIEL CUVÉE CABERNET SAUVIGNON VINTAGE 2016, NAPA VALLEY

ACCOLADES

97-99 Points

“A barrel sample, the deep garnet-purple colored 2016 J. Daniel Cuvée opens with a vibrant nose of crushed black currants, black berries and black cherries with touches of dried herbs, tobacco, truffles, crushed rocks, charcoal and cedar chest. Medium to full-bodied with a taut structure of very firm, very ripe tannins and packed with muscular fruit, it has a compelling savory/earthy character in the mouth, finishing long with lovely mineral accents.”

—Robert Parker's *The Wine Advocate*

“A riveting, full-throttle wine, the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon J. Daniel Cuvée is a thrill a minute. Dark, powerful and pulsing with energy, the 2016 has all the potential to develop into a truly spectacular wine. Crushed rocks, game, smoke and licorice gradually open with time in the glass. Above all else, though, the 2016 is a wine of structural richness.”

—Antonio Galloni, *Vinous Media*

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

WINEMAKER NOTES

“J. Daniel Cuvée 2016 is deep purple, with intense aromas of blackberries, black cherries, dried herbs and dark chocolate. The flavors add savory notes of game, smoke, anise, and crushed rocks. Full-bodied, rich, powerful, and long, with fine-grained tannins, this is a compelling and enchanting vintage for J. Daniel Cuvée.”

—Philippe Melka, *Winemaker*

OUR STORY

Our story began in 1879 when Robin Daniel Lail's great-granduncle, Gustave 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.