

Lail Vineyards

J. DANIEL CUVÉE CABERNET SAUVIGNON VINTAGE 2021, NAPA VALLEY



ACCOLADES

100 Points

“Lail’s 2021 J. Daniel Cuvée Cabernet Sauvignon blends lots from several high-end vineyards, including Heimark (Calistoga), Vine Hill Ranch (Oakville) and Steltzner (Stags Leap), plus Lail’s own Mole Hill on Howell Mountain. It’s an exciting wine, starting from the pulse-quickening aromas of raspberries and black cherries tinged with dark chocolate. In the mouth, this full-bodied beauty is richly concentrated, with a sensuous texture somewhere between silky and velvety, while the softly dusty finish shows terrific length and a spine-tingling hint of licorice. To reduce this wine to deceptively simple yet hard-to-pin-down words, it’s complex, harmonious and elegant, yet it’s enough of its place that it could only come from Napa Valley.”

—*Joe Czerwinski, Robert Parker Wine Advocate*

WINEMAKERS NOTES

“The 2021 growing season was flawless, yielding a smallish crop of intensely flavored berries possessing great intensity and impeccable balance. Vibrant aromas of black cherry, raspberry, violets and dark chocolate burst forth. The signature flavors of blackberry preserves, boysenberry and spice are here in spades. It is elegant and silky, and at the same time powerful, complex and insistent. The tannins are focused, ripe and round, with supporting acidity that is bright and lively. There is a concentration, clarity and drive that add up to a gorgeous expressive of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon at its very highest level.”

—*Philippe Melka and Maayan Koschitzky, winemakers*

PARTNERS | Robin Daniel Lail, Erin Lail, Shannon Lail

VARIETAL | 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARDS | Calistoga

Howell Mountain

Oakville

Stags Leap District

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

WINEMAKERS | Philippe Melka and Maayan Koschitzky

PRODUCTION | 1011 cases

J. DANIEL CUVÉE STORY

“I was raised by my dad, John Daniel, Jr., in the grand family tradition of Inglenook. He was, like Gustave Niebaum before him, a leader, an innovator, and the producer of legendary wines. Our flagship wine at Lail Vineyards, the J. Daniel Cuvée Cabernet Sauvignon, is named in his honor. My greatest challenge at Lail Vineyards is to create wines that meet and exceed the level of excellence set by my family in earlier generations.”

—*Robin Daniel Lail*