

Lail Vineyards

J. DANIEL CUVÉE CABERNET SAUVIGNON VINTAGE 2023, NAPA VALLEY



ACCOLADES

99 Points

“Based on 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from Calistoga, Howell Mountain, Oakville, and Stags Leap District and aged 20 months in French oak barrels (80% new), the 2023 Cabernet Sauvignon J. Daniel Cuvée is deep purple-hued and offers a kaleidoscopic array of red and black fruits, scorched earth, smoke, tobacco, graphite, and sappy floral nuances. It’s full-bodied on the palate, with a layered, multi-dimensional mouthfeel, ripe, polished tannins, flawless balance, and a great finish that won’t quit. Give it just a few years of bottle age and enjoy over the following three decades.”

— *JebDunnuck.com*

99 Points

“Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2023 J Daniel Cuvée Cabernet Sauvignon is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. It bursts from the glass with bold notes of cassis, fresh blackberries, and black raspberries, plus nuances of cedar chest, mint tea, and dark chocolate with a waft of iron ore. The full-bodied palate is bright, shimmering, and super-intense, with firm, grainy tannins and a refreshing line, finishing long with a minty lift.”

— *Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Master of Wine, The Wine Palate*

98+ Points

“As has been the case for other recent vintages, Lail’s 2023 J. Daniel Cuvée Cabernet Sauvignon draws largely on vineyard sources in Calistoga (Heimark), Oakville (Vine Hill Ranch) and Stags Leap (Steltzner). This vintage is dark in hue, with intense aromas of cassis and blueberries, tinged with mocha. It’s medium- to full-bodied in the mouth, concentrated and rich but tightly wound, with a long, silky-tannic finish. Enjoy the more-forward 2022 while waiting for the 2023’s grip to relax a bit.”

— *Joe Czerwinski, Robert Parker Wine Advocate*

WINEMAKERS’ NOTES

“The 2023 growing season was long, cool and easy. Harvest was later than typical recently, and evenly-spaced out – allowing us to pick at the perfect moments. Aromas of black cherry, cassis, black raspberry, and dark chocolate burst forth. The signature flavors of blackberry jam, boysenberry, and black tea 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; 80% new

WINEMAKERS | Philippe Melka and Maayan Koschitzky

PRODUCTION | 1363 cases