

Lail Vineyards



J. DANIEL CUVÉE CABERNET SAUVIGNON
VINTAGE 2012, NAPA VALLEY

ACCOLADES

100 points

“**Absolutely perfect** and one of the monumental wines of my long tasting trip in Napa is the 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon J. Daniel Cuvée. I didn’t see this from barrel last year. Aged 18 months in 30% new French oak and representing 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from three vineyard sources: one in Calistoga, one in Oakville and one in Howell Mountain. Robin Lail and winemaker Philippe Melka hit pay dirt with a wine that has an inky purple color, an almost amazing bouquet that reminded me of 1989 Chateau Montrose when it was young. Sweet almost truffle-infused earth, graphite, forest floor, blackcurrant and black cherry notes are followed by a full-bodied wine with a hint of mocha and licorice. Superb purity, an incremental, yet full-bodied mouthfeel, and an extravagant, layered texture and finish make for the finest wine Robin Lail has produced to date at her winery. Drink it over the next 25-35 years.” 100 points

Robert Parker, Jr.,

The Wine Advocate, October 2014

WINEMAKER NOTES

“Vintage 2012 has been regarded by all of the specialists as the perfect season. Personally, it has always been so difficult to chant about perfection, but tasting 2012 is nothing else but pure ‘deliciousness’ with flavors that excite your senses and a mouth-feel that makes you feel invincible...what a beast.”

Philippe Melka, Winemaker

PARTNERS

Robin Daniel Lail, Erin Lail & Shannon Lail

VARIETAL

97% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Petit Verdot

BARREL REGIMEN

18 months in French Oak barrels; 75% new

WINEMAKER

Philippe Melka

VINEYARDS

Heimark Vineyard - Calistoga

Mole Hill Vineyard - Howell Mountain

Vine Hill Ranch Vineyard - Oakville

OUR STORY

Lail Vineyards traces its Napa Valley roots back five generations to the founding of Inglenook Vineyards in 1879 by Robin Daniel Lail’s great-granduncle, Gustav Niebaum. Inglenook was passed down to Robin’s father, John Daniel, Jr., a Napa Valley legend and inductee in the Vintners Hall of Fame. Mr. Daniel created a legacy of excellence at Inglenook with his coveted Cabernets from 1933 to 1963. The winery’s flagship wine, “J. Daniel Cuvée”, is named in his honor.