

Lail Vineyards



J. DANIEL CUVÉE CABERNET SAUVIGNON VINTAGE 2013, NAPA VALLEY

ACCOLADES

99+ Points

“The 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon J. Daniel Cuvée is probably the qualitative equivalent of the 2012, but slightly more backward and coiled tight. Coming from three vineyards that Robin Lail uses in Napa Valley: one in Calistoga, one in Oakville and the other on Howell Mountain. This is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon aged 20 months in about three-fourths new French oak. The 2013 comes across like a Napa version of the famous Château Montrose in Bordeaux’s St.-Estephe. Earthy notes intermixed with chocolate, blackcurrant liqueur, grilled meats and spice are all present in this opaque purple wine. Graphite and floral notes are also present. It is full-bodied and ripe with beautiful purity and superbly integrated acidity, alcohol, wood and tannin. This wine needs another 4-5 years, as it’s less dramatic and flamboyant compared to the 2012. It should evolve and age beautifully for 30+ years.”

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

WINEMAKER NOTES

“The 2013 growing season could be the equal of (or even superior to) the 2012, considered by many as a perfect season. This J. Daniel Cuvée is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, showing off the power and purity of the vintage. Dense, extracted and intense, it has aromas and flavors of blackberry, boysenberry, crème de cassis, and dark chocolate. This may be the greatest J. Daniel Cuvée ever made, truly one for the ages.”

—Philippe Melka, *Winemaker*

PARTNERS | Robin Daniel Lail, Erin Lail, Shannon Lail

VARIETAL | 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARDS | Mole Hill Vineyard - Howell Mountain Estate
Heimark Vineyard - Calistoga
Vine Hill Ranch Vineyard - Oakville

BARREL REGIMEN | 20 months in French oak barrels; 73% new

PRODUCTION | 766 cases

WINEMAKER | Philippe Melka

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.