

# Lail Vineyards



## J. DANIEL CUVÉE CABERNET SAUVIGNON VINTAGE 2015, NAPA VALLEY

### ACCOLADES

#### 98+ Points

“Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2015 J. Daniel Cuvée bursts forth with gregarious blackcurrant pastilles, black cherries and warm plum notes backed up by notions of spice cake, mocha and licorice. The full-bodied palate is powerfully fruited with opulent exotic spices accenting the black forest cake notions, framed by plush tannins and finishing with epic length. A beautifully buxom showstopper!”

—Robert Parker's *The Wine Advocate*

#### 98+ Points

“The 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon J. Daniel Cuvee is an inky, full-bodied, majestic Cabernet Sauvignon that should be a candidate for perfection in a decade. Black currants, the essence of blackberries, crushed rocks, gravelly minerality and charcoal all emerge from this incredible, full-bodied, massive wine that's still backward and tight. Brought up in 80% new barrels, forget bottles for 3-4 years and enjoy over the following 2-3 decades. Bravo!”

—Jeb Dunnuk, *JebDunnuk.com*

#### 97 Points

“The 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon J. Daniel Cuvée is every bit as compelling as it was last year. Powerful and dramatic, the 2015 bursts from the glass with tons of intensity. The black cherry, chocolate, plum, mocha, licorice and new leather flavors are all amped up. Even with all of its overt richness, the 2015 shows quite a bit of detail in its layered personality and feel. All the elements simply meld together effortlessly.”

—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 REGIMENT | 20 months in French oak barrels; 80% new

WINEMAKER | Philippe Melka

PRODUCTION | 501 cases

### WINEMAKER NOTES

“The 2015 vintage yielded a small crop of exceptional quality fruit. The 2015 J. Daniel Cuvée reflects this, with its modern Napa Valley ripeness coupled with classic varietal characteristics and structure. Black fruits are on full display in the aromas and flavors, including blackberry, black raspberry, black cherry, boysenberry, and black currant berry (cassis). The texture is creamy, elegant, regal and rich, with fine tannins lingering on a fabulously long finish. This is a wonderful vintage for J. Daniel Cuvée.”

—Philippe Melka, Winemaker