

# Lail Vineyards



## J. DANIEL CUVÉE CABERNET SAUVIGNON VINTAGE 2018, NAPA VALLEY

### ACCOLADES

#### 100 Points

“The 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon J. Daniel Cuvée comes from a mix of terroirs (Howell Mountain, Stags Leap, Oakville, Calistoga) and is brought up in 75% new French oak. Heavenly notes of red and black currants, dried tobacco, sandalwood, flowers, and spice give way to a full-bodied, concentrated, yet weightless texture that carries awesome tannins, no hard edges and just flawless balance. This majestic, regal wine is going to drink brilliantly for 25 years or more.”

—Jeb Dunnuck, [jebdunnuck.com](http://jebdunnuck.com)

#### 99 Points

“Made from 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2018 J. Daniel Cuvée Cabernet Sauvignon was aged for 20 months in French oak barrels, 75% new. Very deep garnet-purple in color, it soars out of the glass with seductive notes of crème de cassis, blueberry preserves and Black Forest cake, followed by suggestions of espresso, yeast extract, black truffles and charcoal plus a fragrant waft of violets. Full-bodied, rich and opulently fruited in the mouth, it has layer upon layer of black fruit preserves, earthy nuances and savory sparks, framed by firm, finely grained tannins and bold freshness, finishing long and fragrant.”

—Lisa Perrotti-Brown, MW  
Robert Parker Wine Advocate

#### 96 Points

“Silky and medium in body, with lovely red berry fruit character, the 2018 has a lot to offer.”

—Antonio Galloni, [Vinous Media](http://vinousmedia.com)

#### 96 Points

“The palate is velvety, ample, powerful and very balanced. Terrific finish that develops and lasts.”

—James Suckling, [JamesSuckling.com](http://JamesSuckling.com)

PARTNERS | Robin Daniel Lail, Erin Lail, Shannon Lail

VARIETAL | 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARDS | Calistoga

Oakville

Stags Leap District

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

WINEMAKER | Philippe Melka

PRODUCTION | 1290 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