

Lail Vineyards

J. DANIEL CUVÉE CABERNET SAUVIGNON VINTAGE 2019, NAPA VALLEY 25TH ANNIVERSARY



ACCOLADES

99 Points

“The 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon J. Daniel Cuvée is just about pure perfection and another example of Napa Valley magic. All Cabernet Sauvignon brought up in 80% new French oak, it offers an incredible bouquet of pure cassis and blackberry fruits as well as textbook Pauillac-like notes of graphite, tobacco, toasted spices, and chalky minerality. Rich, full-bodied, and powerful, it’s one of those wines that somehow marries incredible intensity and richness with no sensation of weight or heaviness, perfect balance, and a layered, multi-dimensional style that’s hard to describe. It shows more tannins and chocolaty oak with air and needs to be forgotten for 4-6 years, and it will be a 40+-year wine. It’s heavenly juice.”

—Jeb Dunnuck, *JebDunnuck.com*

98-100 Points

“This is a barrel sample of 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from vineyards in Calistoga, Oakville and Stags Leap. Deep purple-black in color, the 2019 J. Daniel Cuvée Cabernet Sauvignon needs a little coaxing to bring out all the gorgeous aromatic layers with black and blue fruit notions of crushed blackberries, wild blueberries, black raspberries and fresh blackcurrants plus hints of violets, dark chocolate, underbrush, black tea and iron ore. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is incredibly taut and minerally with a firm frame of grainy tannins and seamless freshness, finishing long and earthy.”

—Lisa Perrotti-Brown, MW, *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*

98 Points and Cellar Selection

“Marking the producer’s 25th anniversary, this is a tremendous powerhouse of a wine that’s sinewy, sophisticated and youthfully shy. Rich truffle, cassis and black cherry meet undeniable earthiness and savory spice, with a touch of plushness on the palate that’s still gripped in tannin.”

—Virginia Boone, *Wine Enthusiast Magazine*

98 Points

“From Mole Hill Vineyard on Howell Mountain, Heimark in Calistoga, Vine Hill Ranch in Oakville and Steltzner in Stags Leap. Each site is vinified separately with racking every six months and blended for up to 12 months before bottling. Alluring black fruit aromas with dried herbs and cedar spice. Full-bodied with rich, decadent layers of blackberry and black cherry to pops of blue fruit all woven around rich spices supported by cedar-plank tannins. A lot of joy here.”

—Jonathan Cristaldi, *Decanter Magazine*

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 | 1160 cases