

Lail Vineyards

J. DANIEL CUVÉE CABERNET SAUVIGNON VINTAGE 2023, NAPA VALLEY

WINEMAKERS NOTES

“The 2023 growing season was long, cool and easy. Harvest was later than typical recently, and evenly-spaced out – allowing us to pick at the perfect moments. Aromas of black cherry, cassis, black raspberry, and dark chocolate burst forth. The signature flavors of blackberry jam, boysenberry, and black tea are here in spades. It is elegant and silky, and at the same time powerful, complex and insistent. The tannins are focused, ripe and round, with supporting acidity that is bright and lively. There is a concentration, clarity and drive that add up to a gorgeous expressive of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon at its very highest level.”

—*Philippe Melka and Maayan Koschitzky, winemakers*

J. DANIEL CUVÉE STORY

“I was raised by my dad, John Daniel, Jr., in the grand family tradition of Inglenook. He was, like Gustav Nibaum 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*



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 | 1363 cases

OUR STORY

Our story began in 1879 when Robin Daniel Lail’s great-granduncle, Gustav Nibaum, 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 145 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.