

# Lail Vineyards

## J. DANIEL CUVÉE CABERNET SAUVIGNON VINTAGE 2022, NAPA VALLEY



### ACCOLADES

#### 98 Points

“As has been the case for the last several vintages, Lail’s 2022 J. Daniel Cuvée Cabernet Sauvignon draws largely on vineyard sources in Calistoga, Oakville and Stags Leap. Marked by intense black cherries and cassis, this full-bodied beauty is concentrated and velvety, finishing plush and long, while showing no chocolatey over-ripeness or dried fruit at all. Even if it appears to lack the polished structure and potential longevity of the 2021, it remains a luscious calling card for soul-satisfying Napa Valley Cabernet.”

—Joe Czerwinski, *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*

#### 96 Points

“The flagship 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon J. Daniel Cuvée is based on 100% Cabernet Sauvignon that’s sourced from throughout the valley. Its deep ruby/plum hue is followed by a brilliant Cabernet revealing loads of cassis, blue fruits, scorched earth, baking spices, and subtle chocolate oak that define the aromatics, and it’s full-bodied on the palate, with a forward, voluptuous mouthfeel, velvety tannins, and a great finish. It plays in the ripe, forward, sexy style of the vintage and will drink brilliantly over the coming 15 years or more.”

—Jeb Dunnuck, *JebDunnuck.com*

### WINEMAKERS NOTES

“Vintage 2022’s growing season was challenging, testing the vineyard and winemaking teams alike. Lengthy hot weather in early September created stress in the vines and slowed ripening. Once the vines rebounded, the fruit yielded powerful flavors with early accessibility. The tannins are focused, ripe and round. Aromas and flavors tend to the black fruits, with ripe aromas and soft mouthfeel. This vintage will deliver flavorful wines with immediate appeal and superb drinkability.”

—Philippe Melka and Maayan Koschitzky, *winemakers*

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 | 1119 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