Toad Hollow Vineyards

1998 Cacophony Zinfandel, Sonoma County

Zinfandel...The Enigmatic Masterpiece

In the late 1850's or thereabouts, this marvelous grape landed on our shores and put down its roots. It has served us well for 150 years with kindness and forgiveness. It has forgiven our many transgressions into other recipes of frivolity and silliness.

Zinfandel has stuffed into many different packages along the way. Some white, some pink, but mostly red. The original and best-suited color for this excellent vinifera. Ca•coph´o•ny: raucous, tempestuous, discordant.
Sounds more like the good
Dr. Toad. Reverse the words to describe the wine: elegant, smooth, harmonious. Toad
Hollow still dances to a different tune, as this rich
Sonoma County Zin will attest.

The Zinfandel grape is difficult to grow. It does not ripen evenly, sometimes finishing the growing season with many red interspersed berries that offer problems with both mature sugar and ripening. Our 1998 Toad Hollow *Cacophony* Zinfandel is big and tannic. Redolent with juicy raspberries. It wants to dance, but not alone. So join the party and let it rip. Lit it drip. After all, it's a big, hurly burly wine that you should allow in your pleasure zone with great rewards. Faster music, stronger wine! Finish what the sun has started. After all, it's red, it's big, it's delicious and most of all it's *Sonoma!*

Pertinent facts:

Alcohol: 13.98% RS: 0.15%

TA: 0.59 g/100ml

pH: 3.76



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