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**Zinfandel**  
*A History of a Grape and Its Wine*  
by Charles L. Sullivan

Healdsburg, CA - The Sonoma County Wine Library and Foppiano Vineyards announce an evening with wine industry historian Charles L. Sullivan, Friday, October 24, 6:00 p.m. at Foppiano Vineyards, 12707 Old Redwood Highway in Healdsburg.

Guests are invited to hear Sullivan reconstructs Zinfandel's journey through history - taking them from Austria to the East Coast of the United States in the 1820s, to Gold Rush California, and through the early days of the state's wine industry. He will consider the ups and downs of the grapes's popularity, including its most recent and, according to Sullivan, most brilliant "up." He will also unravel the two great mysteries surrounding Zinfandel: the myth of Agoston Haraszthy's role in importing Zinfandel, and the heated controversy over the relationship between California Zinfandel and Italian Primitivo. Sullivan will end with his assessments of the 2001 and 2002 vintages, firmly setting the history of Zinfandel into the chronicles of grape history.

Twenty-five years ago, Leon Adams, the dean of California wine writers, named Charles L. Sullivan "**the modern historian of wine in California.**" Among Sullivan's works are *A Companion to California Wine: An Encyclopedia of Wine and Winemaking from the Mission Period to the Present (California, 1998)* and *Napa Wine: A History from Mission Days to the Present (1994)*.

Along the Sonoma Wine Library, Louis M. Foppiano and Susan Foppiano Valera will host the event, and will share their thoughts as long-time producers of Zinfandel.

Open to the public, tickets are \$15, and are on sale at the Sonoma Wine Library and at Foppiano Vineyards. A reception will follow in the tasting room, where guests will be invited to taste Foppiano's Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel, purchase copies of Sullivan's book, and Charles will remain to sign copies.

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