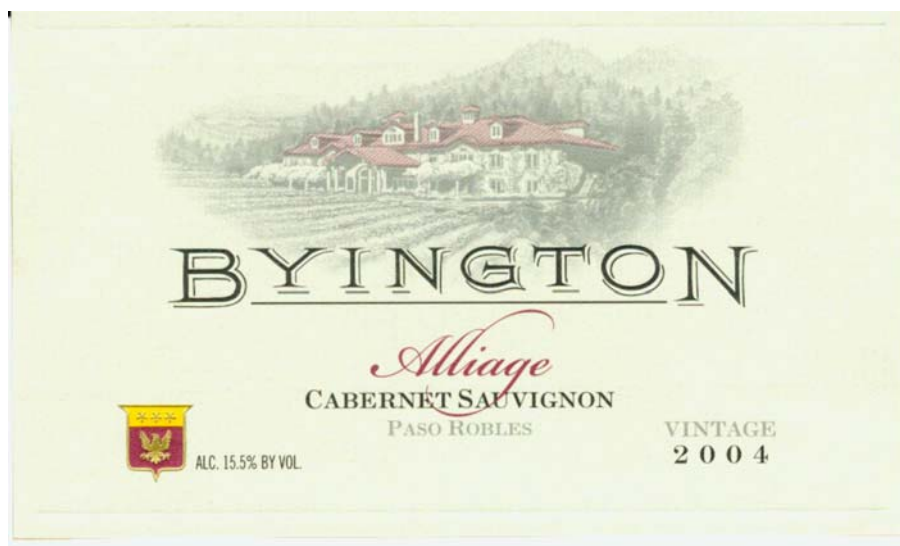


# COLLECTOR'S RED



Appellation: Paso Robles

Cases Produced: 950

“Alliage” is the French word for *alloy*. Just as a purposeful blending of metals produces an alloy that is greater than the sum of its parts, Alliage is the result of blending multiple components to arrive at a wine that goes beyond one-dimensional varietal character to optimize each element’s contribution to the whole.

Continuing the theme of producing high quality wine here at Byington, the 2004 Alliage has great potential. An easy drinking Bordeaux style blend, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot meld to create a wine that is so much greater than the sum of its parts. The wine is beautifully balanced in acidity and fruitful, oaky aromas stemming from a combination of French and American oak. The Alliage was aged in oak for 18 months, after being fermented in both open and closed top tanks, which brings a deep extraction and an intense fruit quality when the components are blended together.

Alliage has been around Byington for some time and has gone through changes in appellation along its way; vineyards sourced for this wine have been from Sonoma down to Paso Robles. By using this method of vineyard sourcing we can really get down to what makes this wine great and take the best regions and combine them in a way to bring about this flavorful, full bodied wine. This wine is young, and its tannin structure on the finish and belies its youth, yet it remains soft and velvety. A perfect companion for a broad range of cuisines, enjoy this Alliage now or lay it down for another 7-10 years.