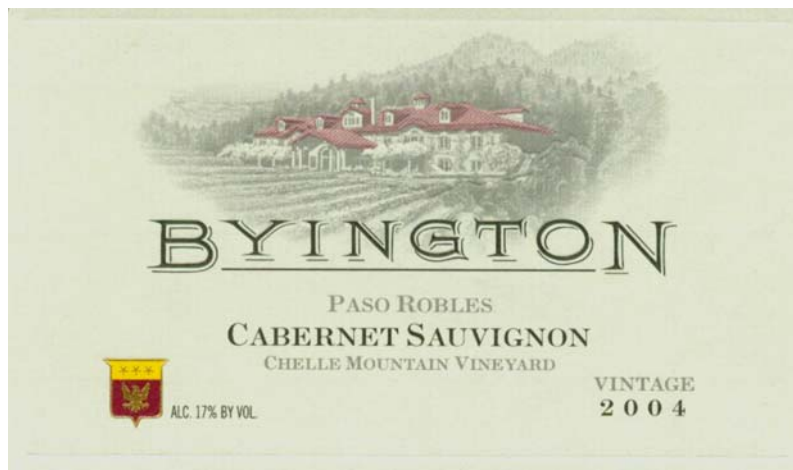


COLLECTOR'S RED



Appellation: Paso Robles
Chelle Mountain

Production: 202 cases

Climatological and geographical drama are both associated with dramatic wines, and this Cabernet is no exception. Perched on a windy ridgetop on the west side of Paso Robles in the York Mountain area, Chelle Mountain gets the full effect of the coastal winds and the wide temperature swings those winds bring. The color is saturated, almost black, and the first whiff is intensely aromatic and concentrated. The nose is cassis and cedar with a subtext of herbs to remind us that it is Cabernet. The oak is there, but tightly bound and integrated, belying the use of 30% new American barrels.

Big, bold and beautiful is the only way to describe a wine of this stature and with the long legs due to the high alcohol this wine must be approached with caution. Once you take a sip be prepared for a big wine with a full body mouthfeel and the way it weighs on your entire palate. Bright fruit on the front of the mouth and a rich tannin structure that finishes the dry palate. Enjoy this wine with game and red meat. Grill up some steaks to complement this wine pure and simple.