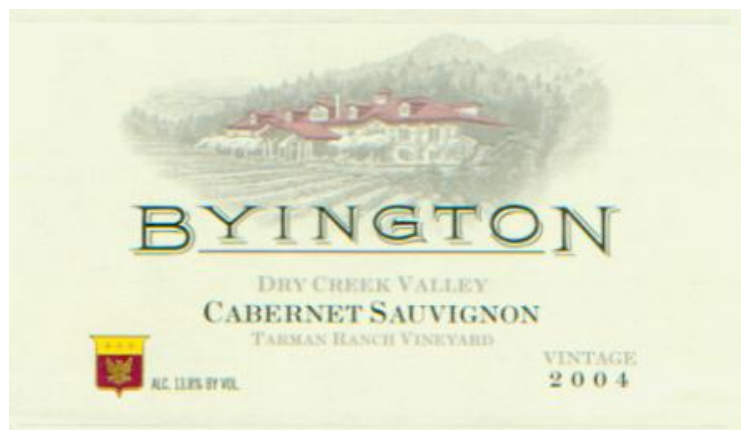


COLLECTOR'S RED



Appellation: Dry Creek

Vineyard Designate: Tarman Ranch

Production: 226 cases

Tarman Ranch is located in the Dry Creek district of Sonoma, an area better known for Zinfandel than Cabernet. However this vineyard seems perfectly suited for Cabernet. It is on the western side of Dry Creek, high on a plateau with deep, rich, intensely red clay soil. The vines are over forty years old, and we are starting to see the decrease in yield that often happens with older vineyards. But that decrease in yield is often linked to an increase in concentration which we have definitely seen with the Tarman Ranch.

This is a lighter style of Cabernet with a strong tannic backbone. The nose reminds me of walking through the redwoods the morning after a rain—mushrooms, an earthy forest floor aroma, but with a certain freshness. The Tarman is drinking well now, but will improve with six-eight years of cellaring.