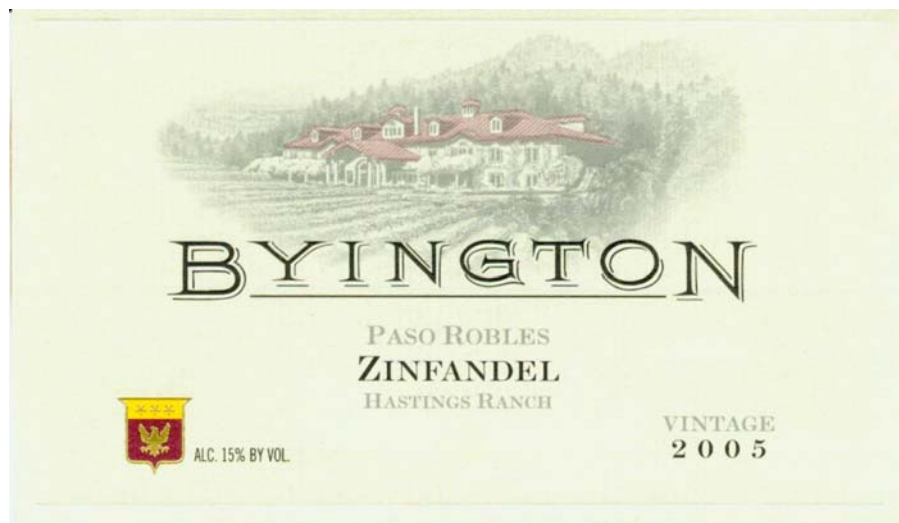


# COLLECTOR'S RED



Appellation: Paso Robles

Vineyard Designation: Hastings Ranch

Produced: 272 Cases

The Hastings Ranch is located on the west side of Paso Robles, an area known for slightly cooler temperatures by Paso Robles standards; however this vineyard is quite the opposite. The vineyard sits in a bowl shaped valley that feels like Death Valley on some days. Luckily there is a pond used for irrigation or the vines could not thrive. These extraordinary temperatures lead to a very fruit-forward wine, with strawberry notes followed by a creamy spice aroma.

I chose to age the Zinfandel entirely on neutral oak, letting the true nature of the vineyard shine through. At first sip you are struck by a symphony of earth and fruit with a velvety mouth feel. Being so young, the wine has a dry tannic finish that will mellow over time. I highly recommend opening a bottle now and decanting it. This will soften the tannin level and create a luscious texture. Enjoy this Zinfandel with everything from barbecue to chocolate. It is one of the best vintages we've seen from Hastings Ranch.