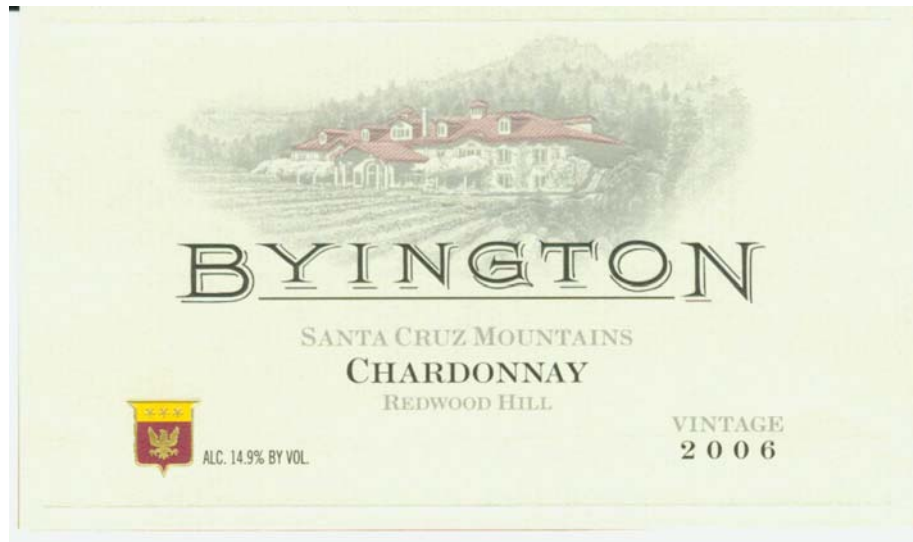


COLLECTOR'S WHITE



Appellation: Santa Cruz Mountains

Vineyard Designation: Redwood Hill

Produced: 344 Cases

A five ton harvest from a single acre vineyard might seem large yield, but the real anomaly is that these grapes are extremely flavorful and have a clean acidic punch. Sometimes carrying too much fruit on the vines can result in a stressed vineyard, which in turn can hinder the fruit from fully maturing and in the end you get a thin wine. However it works well in the Redwood Hill vineyard. The wine is well balanced with bright fruit and crisp acidity, typical of Santa Cruz Mountain wines.

The Redwood Hill Chardonnay displays a beautiful vanilla aroma from the French oak and yeastiness from sur lees aging. Stopping here you might think it to be a typical California Chardonnay, saturated and heavy-handed, but no, the crisp acidity is reminiscent of Granny Smith apples with a luscious pear aroma to round out the nose. I think of the Redwood Hill as a sipping wine, refreshing and elegant all in one. As Spring rolls around, savor this refreshing Chardonnay on a pleasant California evening with simply prepared fresh fish, perhaps a dozen or so oysters. Please enjoy, as I will certainly be doing the same.