

# 2017 WILD ROVER MERLOT

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## PASO ROBLES, CALIFORNIA



### THE WINE:

100% Merlot from a single vineyard (the Rolling Hills Vineyard) located in the Paso Robles AVA. The grapes were hand picked and hand sorted prior to fermentation in stainless steel tanks. The wine was then aged for 18 months in a combination of American and French oak barrels. Leon Tackitt made just 85 cases of this wine in 2017.

### THE ESTATE:

Wild Rover wines are the result of the collaboration between Quigley Fine Wines and winemaker Leon Tackitt, of Tackitt Family Vineyards in Paso Robles, CA. Leon Tackitt's grandfather planted the first vines on the family's small vineyard back in the 1970's. After retiring from a 28 year career as a US Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal officer and looking for something slightly less stressful, Leon and his wife began Tackitt Family Vineyards in 2007. Specializing in Zinfandel, Petite Sirah and Cabernet Sauvignon and producing small quantities of handcrafted wines the partnership between QFW and Tackitt Family Vineyards began in 2015 with small lots of intensely flavored and authentically Paso Robles - styled wines.

### TASTING NOTES:

**Color:** deep ruby

**Aromas:** red plums and spicy red cherry mingle with vanilla and dried herbs

**Flavor & Texture:** ripe red fruit, dusty cocoa, and toasted vanilla bean; the tannins and acids are mellow and soft with a mouth pleasing texture

**Food Pairing:** bbq chicken with a Hawaiian bbq sauce

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