

# 2018 Wild Rover Cabernet Sauvignon Paso Robles, California



## **The Wine:**

100% Cabernet Sauvignon from a single vineyard on the east side of Paso Robles, called the Swiss Colina vineyard. Planted in 1984 this sustainably grown property is the source for this four-barrel production from winemaker Leon Tackitt. By harvesting the fruit with slightly lower sugar levels, but with full flavor development, Leon was able to capture a freshness and vitality to the wine not often seen in Cabernet from Paso Robles. Aged for 22 months in 25% new French and American oak.

## **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:** maroon-ruby red

**Aromas:** ripe red cherry, cocoa powder, currant and wild sage

**Flavor & Texture:** red and black fruits with hints of vanilla and dill are wrapped in soft, plush tannins

**Food Pairing:** grilled gourmet burgers with caramelized onions, tangy BBQ sauce and sharp cheddar cheese

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