



Fred's (Peterson) Vintaged View

Our “Mendo Blendo” reflects the two realities inherent in all interesting wines: place and people. The place being Mendocino County and the people (besides Jamie and myself) being Alvin and Sally Tollini, who grew most of the grapes that produced this wine. Though we would never trade living in and producing wines from Dry Creek Valley, I’ve always enjoyed Mendocino County and its wines.

Mendocino County winegrowing is an important part of my history. I began my winegrowing career in December 1973 as a vineyard worker for Frey Vineyards in Mendocino’s Redwood Valley. In the late 1980s, I had the privilege to develop the Floodgate Vineyard, west of Philo in the Anderson Valley. We produced our Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from grapes grown in this vineyard from 1992 through 2002, when the vineyard was sold to Duckhorn Winery for their Goldeneye label.

We began producing our Zero Manipulation wine from the Tollini’s Home Ranch “Wild Vines” Carignane in 2000, and have produced it every year since. Alvin Tollini is a third-generation Redwood Valley grower and a wonderful person, as well as an exceptional grape grower. When Alvin offered us some of his Petite Sirah grapes, we were excited to produce a wine with the Tollini Mendocino Petite Sirah at its core. With 10% Zinfandel and Syrah from Dry Creek Valley blended with 20% Tollini Vineyard Carignane and 60% Tollini Vineyard Petite Sirah, we couldn’t legally call the wine a Petite Sirah, but wanted to come up with a fun name to reflect its origins. The name “Mendo Blendo” is our wink and a nod to Mendocino’s other agricultural crop of note.

Primary Vineyard

Tollini Vineyard

Located in the Redwood Valley of Mendocino County, the vineyard has been farmed by three generations of the Tollini family. In addition to the old vine, dry farmed Carignane and Zinfandel, Alvin Tollini planted Petite Sirah, Barbera, Grenache, and Syrah over the past 30 years. The gravely, well-drained soil of the southwest-facing benchland site produces fruit with intense color and great depth of flavor.

Tasting Notes

This robust beauty will have you kicking up your heels, or maybe kicking them off. The focused core of dark fruit, dusty tannins, coffee, earthiness and spices defines the nose and palate. A blend of blackberry, plum, pomegranate and strawberry join the tarry, earth notes. This complex and delicious wine has a simple mission—provide enjoyment for those who desire a full-figured wine.

2008 MENDO BLENDO

MENDOCINO COUNTY



Technical Data

Composition:

<i>Varietal / Vineyard Breakdown:</i>	<i>Harvest Dates:</i>
60% Petite Sirah - Tollini Vineyard, Mendocino	Sept. 18, 2008
20% Carignane - Tollini Vineyard, Mendocino	Oct. 10, 2008
10% Zinfandel - Borkow Vineyard, Dry Creek	Sept. 11, 2008
10% Syrah - Olson Vineyard, Dry Creek Valley	Sept. 30, 2008

Appellation:	Tollini Vineyard, Redwood Valley, Mendocino County
Alcohol:	14.3%
pH:	3.57
TA:	0.66g/100ml
Barrel Aging:	22 months
Types of Oak:	30% new American oak barrels 20% 1-2 year-old American oak barrels 50% 4-8 year-old neutral oak barrels
Bottling Date:	August 9, 2010 (unfined & unfiltered)
Production:	224 cases
Release Date:	March 2011