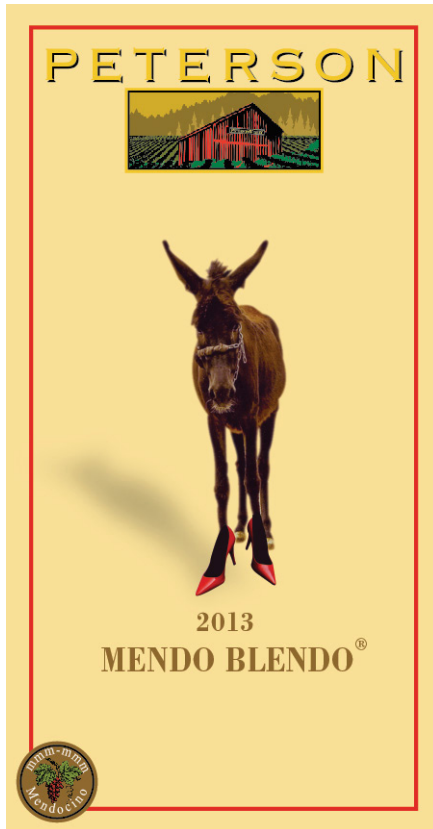


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2013 MENDO BLENDO® Mendocino County



Technical Data

Composition:	100% Tollini Vineyard
Varietal Breakdown:	Harvest Dates:
62% Petite Sirah	Sept. 26
28% Syrah	Sept. 17
5% Carignane	Oct. 3
5% Grenache	Oct. 11
Appellation:	Redwood Valley, Mendocino County
Alcohol:	14.3%
pH:	3.58
TA:	0.62g/100ml
Barrel Aging:	25 months
Type of Oak:	30% new American oak barrels, 25% 2-year-old French oak barrels, 55% neutral old barrels
Bottled:	July 26, 2013 (unfined & unfiltered)
Production:	600 cases 750 ml
Release Date:	May 2017

Fred Peterson's Vintaged Views

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 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 62% Petite Sirah along with 28% Syrah, 5% Carignane and 5% Grenache—all from Tollini Vineyard—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.

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

Whimsical in name only, this robust wine is seriously delicious. Deep aromas of ripe brambly blackberry are laced with spicy oak, cocoa and a hint of black pepper and roasted herbs. The full, round mouthfeel starts at the entry and carries through to the long finish. A rich blend of dark berries, cherry and pomegranate mingles with trace of rhubarb and dark chocolate as it envelops the palate. Supple tannins and oak notes join in, adding dimension and depth to the wine.

Though worthy of a juicy grilled steak, this weekday wine also pairs perfectly with a sausage and three-cheese lasagna, or dry rubbed smoked brisket.