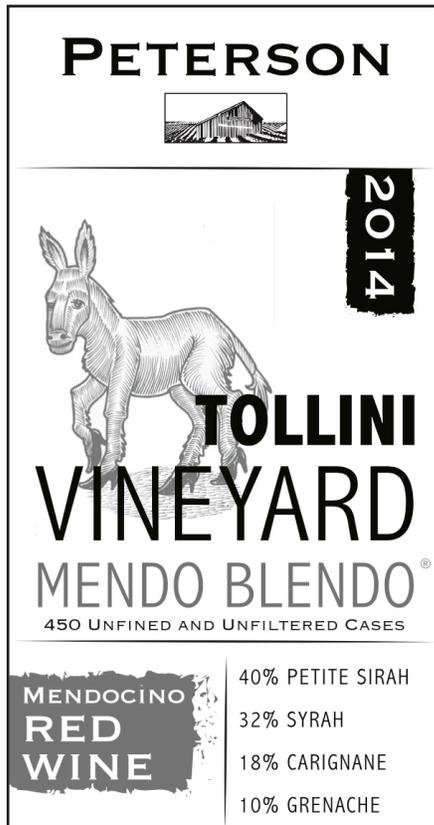


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## 2014 MENDO BLENDO®

Tollini Vineyard, Mendocino County



### Technical Data

<b>Composition:</b>	100% Tollini Vineyard
<b>Varietal Breakdown:</b>	<b>Harvest Dates:</b>
40% Petite Sirah	Sept. 9
32% Syrah	Sept. 12 & Oct. 7
18% Carignane	Oct. 2 & 7
10% Grenache	Sept. 20
<b>Appellation:</b>	Redwood Valley, Mendocino County
<b>Alcohol:</b>	13.9%
<b>pH:</b>	3.40
<b>TA:</b>	0.67g/100ml
<b>Barrel Aging:</b>	30 months
<b>Cooperage:</b>	25% new American oak barrels, 20% 4-year-old Hungarian & American oak barrels, 55% older, neutral old barrels
<b>Bottled:</b>	March 27, 2017 (unfined & unfiltered)
<b>Production:</b>	450 cases
<b>Release Date:</b>	February 2019

### 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 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.

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 40% Petite Sirah along with 32% Syrah, 18% Carignane and 10% 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.

### Tasting Notes

This playful, seemingly simple wine is easy to sip, yet filled with delicious layers, depth and complexity. The nose offers aromas of fresh-squeezed black raspberry laced with toasted oak and traces of leather. A tantalizing, juicy blend of plum, dried strawberry and blackberry mix with subtle autumn spices and black pepper. A bright essence appears mid-palate adding to the playful effect of the wine. Gentle tannins and oak notes exposed in the long finish reveal the underlying structure that perfectly balances the luscious flavors.

Pairing opportunities are endless, so to name a few, try our *Mendo Blendo* with smoked brisket served with a Kansas City barbeque sauce, three cheese lasagna, or your favorite chili sprinkled with sharp cheddar and chopped scallions.

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