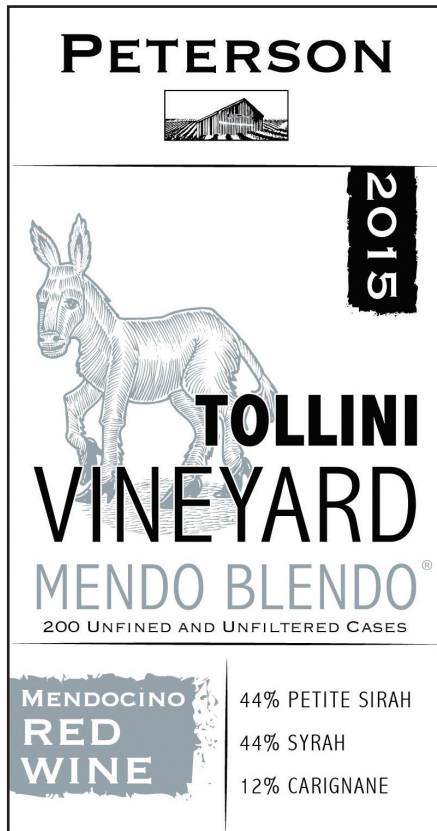


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## 2015 MENDO BLENDO®

Tollini Vineyard, Mendocino County



### 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 44% Petite Sirah along with 44% Syrah and 12% Carignane—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.

### Technical Data

<b>Composition:</b>	100% Tollini Vineyard
<i>Varietal Breakdown:</i>	<i>Harvest Dates:</i>
44% Petite Sirah	Sept. 15
44% Syrah	Sept. 7
12% Carignane	Sept. 30
<b>Appellation:</b>	Redwood Valley, Mendocino County
<b>Alcohol:</b>	15.2%
<b>pH:</b>	3.60
<b>TA:</b>	0.65g/100ml
<b>Barrel Aging:</b>	27 months
<b>Cooperage:</b>	20% new American oak barrels, 20% 2-year-old French oak barrels, 60% neutral old barrels
<b>Bottling Date:</b>	January 31, 2018 (unfined & unfiltered)
<b>Closure Type:</b>	Screwcap - Ramondin - saranex liner
<b>Production:</b>	200 cases   750ml
<b>Release Date:</b>	September 2020

### Tasting Notes

The wine's brawny nature is apparent from the first whiff of dark fruit, kid glove leather and a rich mineral essence bathed with aromas from the oak and tannin structure. The palate reveals a delicious fusion of ripe cherry, mixed dark berries, and dried strawberry with hints of coffee and tobacco. The fruit depicts the wine's playful side, while oak contributions of cocoa, mocha and fine-grain wood mingle with the bright acidity and softening tannins to showcase its muscular side.

This hearty blend begs for a pairing of smoked brisket with a favorite barbecue sauce, or slow-cooked lamb stew.

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