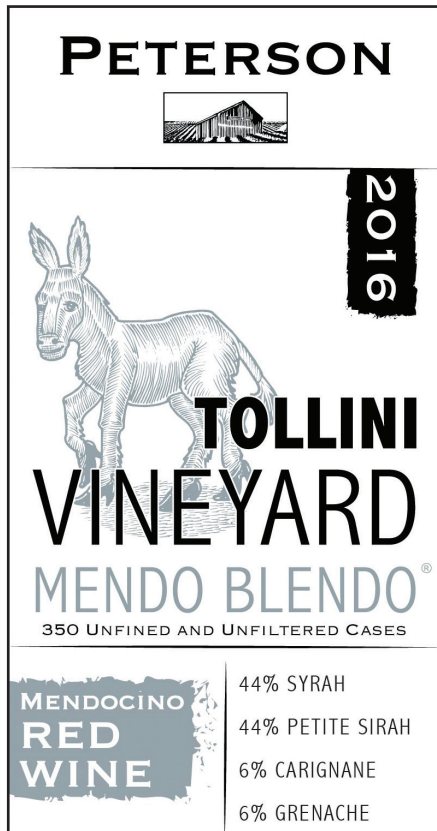


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## 2016 MENDO BLENDO®

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, its people, 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, 6% Carignane and 6% 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

Mendo Blendo begins with a seductive nose offering jammy ripe fruit layered with hints of leather, smoked meat and toasty oak. The first sip reveals the smooth mouthfeel and silken texture followed by a subtle but definite hit of structure that contributes to the wine's robust character. A deep ripe, rich fruit essence of blackberry, huckleberry, dried strawberry and Bing cherry is wound with traces of smoky oak, kid glove leather, tobacco and dark cocoa. Savor the perfect balance between the gorgeous fruit flavors and the oak and tannin structure.

A great everyday wine to drink on pizza night, with your favorite barbecued ribs slathered with sauce, or bacon-laced mac and cheese.

### Technical Data

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| <b>Composition:</b>        | 100% Tollini Vineyard  |
| <b>Varietal Breakdown:</b> | <b>Harvest Dates:</b>  |
| 44% Petite Sirah           | Sept. 16   |
| 44% Syrah                  | Sept. 9  |
| 6% Carignane               | Oct. 5   |
| 6% Grenache                | Sept. 27   |
| <b>Appellation:</b>        | Redwood Valley, Mendocino County   |
| <b>Alcohol:</b>            | 14.7%  |
| <b>pH:</b>                 | 3.62   |
| <b>TA:</b>                 | 0.68g/100ml  |
| <b>Barrel Aging:</b>       | 25 months  |
| <b>Cooperage:</b>          | 20% new American oak barrels,<br>20% 2-year-old French oak barrels,<br>60% neutral old barrels |
| <b>Bottling Date:</b>      | November 13, 2018 (unfined & unfiltered)   |
| <b>Closure Type:</b>       | Screwcap - Ramondin - saranex liner  |
| <b>Production:</b>         | 200 cases   750ml, 50 cases   3L bag-in-box  |
| <b>Release Date:</b>       | April 2021   |

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