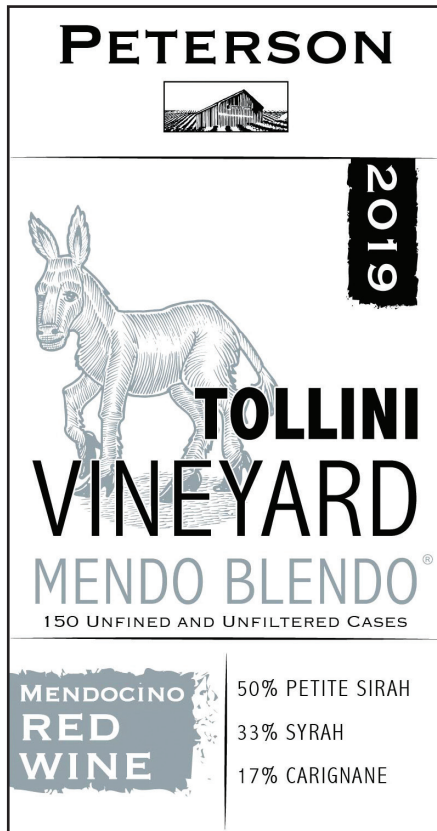


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## 2019 MENDO BLENDO® Tollini Vineyard, Mendocino County



### Fred's (Peterson) Vintaged View

Our Mendocino 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 50% Petite Sirah along with 33% Syrah and 17% 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 Mendocino Blendo is our wink and a nod to Mendocino's other agricultural crop of note.

### Technical Data

**Composition:** 100% Tollini Vineyard

<i>Varietal Breakdown</i>	<i>Harvest Dates</i>
50% Petite Sirah	September 28
33% Syrah	September 20
17% Carignane	October 22

**Appellation:** Redwood Valley, Mendocino County

**Alcohol:** 16.2%

**pH:** 3.58

**TA:** 0.64g/100ml

**Barrel Aging:** 24 months

**Cooperage:** 16% new American oak barrels,  
24% 2-year-old French & Hungarian oak barrels,  
60% neutral old barrels

**Bottling Date:** Nov. 9, 2021 (unfined & unfiltered)

**Closure Type:** Screwcap - Janson custom - saranex liner

**Production:** 150 cases | 750ml

**Release Date:** October 2022

### Tasting Notes

Deep seductive aromas of black fruit and ripe dark cherry mingle with hints of exotic spices and floral notes. The intensity found on the nose expands on the palate with the perfect blend of dark fruits, spice and structure. A rich concentrated core offers the perfect blend of vine-ripened wild blackberry, boysenberry, black raspberry, cherry and strawberry gently dusted with spicy pepper. Just a trace of licorice and subtle vanillin oak appears in the long finish to round out the luscious flavors.

Although this wine is so easy to sip solo, it a great complement to bison cheeseburgers, Swedish meatballs served over mashed potatoes, or grilled sausages and sautéed peppers and onions tossed with penne pasta.