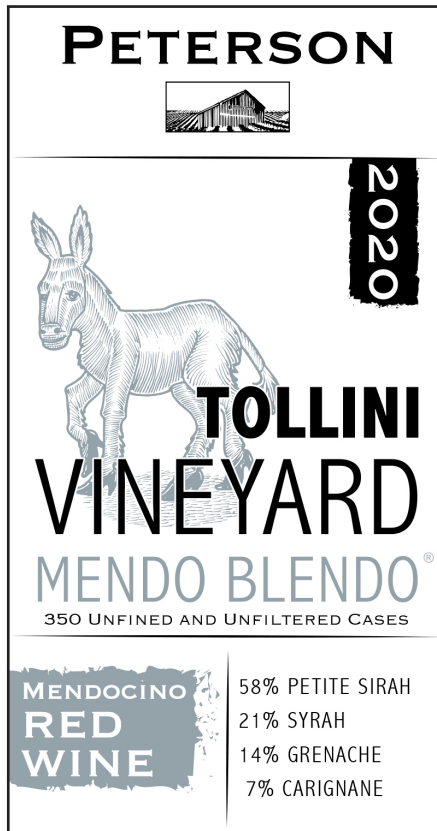


PETERSON



2020 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 58% Petite Sirah along with 21% Syrah, 14% Grenache and 7% 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

Composition: 100% Tollini Vineyard

<i>Varietal Breakdown</i>	<i>Harvest Dates</i>
58% Petite Sirah	September 22
21% Syrah	September 14
14% Grenache	October 2
7% Carignane	October 1

Appellation: Redwood Valley, Mendocino County

Alcohol: 14.8%

pH: 3.44

TA: 0.67g/100ml

Barrel Aging: 24 months

Cooperage: 16% new American oak barrels,
8% 2-year-old Hungarian oak barrels,
76% neutral old barrels

Bottling Date: Nov. 30, 2022 (unfined & unfiltered)

Closure Type: Screwcap - Janson custom - saranex liner

Production: 350 cases | 750ml

Release Date: September 2023

Tasting Notes

This Mendo Blendo vintage packs a punch, or maybe it's more of a muley kick. Deep intense aromatics of black plum and ripe blackberry mingle with traces of fine herbs, black pepper and forest floor. From the first sip, the concentrated dark flavors deliver a wow factor. The structure envelopes the chewy flavors of black raspberry and wild plum. Spicy pepper and cedar appear mid-palate and linger as the wine satiates the senses.

Not for the faint of heart, this wine deserves an equally hearty pairing. Try it with an all-meat pizza with extra cheese, or chorizo bison chili with smoky paprika added to spice it up.