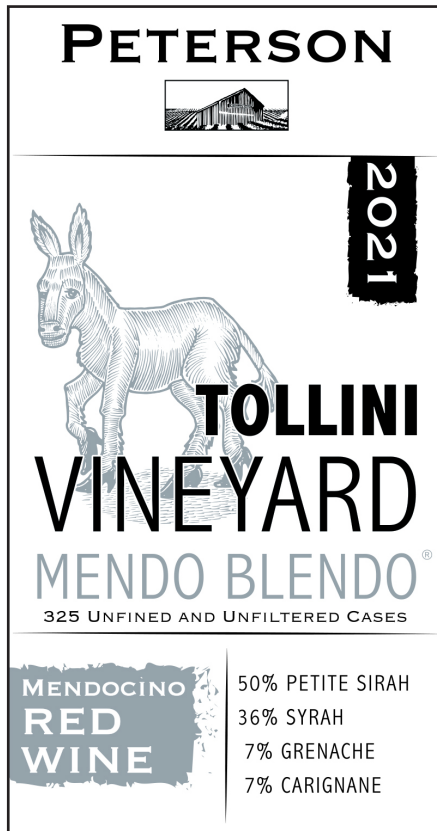


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2021 MENDO BLENDO® Tollini Vineyard, Mendocino County



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 36% Syrah, 7% 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 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 15
36% Syrah	September 15
7% Grenache	September 21
7% Carignane	September 28

Appellation: Redwood Valley, Mendocino County

Alcohol: 14.8%

pH: 3.36

TA: 0.7g/100ml

Barrel Aging: 22 months

Cooperage: 14% new American oak barrels,
7% new Hungarian oak barrels,
79% neutral old barrels

Bottling Date: August 9, 2023 (unfined & unfiltered)

Closure Type: Screwcap - Janson custom - Saranex liner

Production: 300 cases | 750ml; 25 cases | 3L bag-in-box

Release Date: April 2024

Tasting Notes

Robust only begins to describe this luscious, intensely flavored wine, but it's a start. The focused aromatics present perfectly ripened, juicy wild blackberry woven with traces of mocha and oak. The smooth mouthfeel exposes the concentrated flavors of boysenberry, dark cherry and dried strawberry. As the structure appears mid-palate, so do delicious notes of chocolate, creamy coffee and just a hint of pear. The rich intensity lingers on, leaving you time to wonder if it's too soon for the next sip.

Enjoy a hearty pairing like Sicilian pasta with creamy pistachio sauce, slow-roasted rosemary garlic lamb shanks, or Tuscan pork stew.