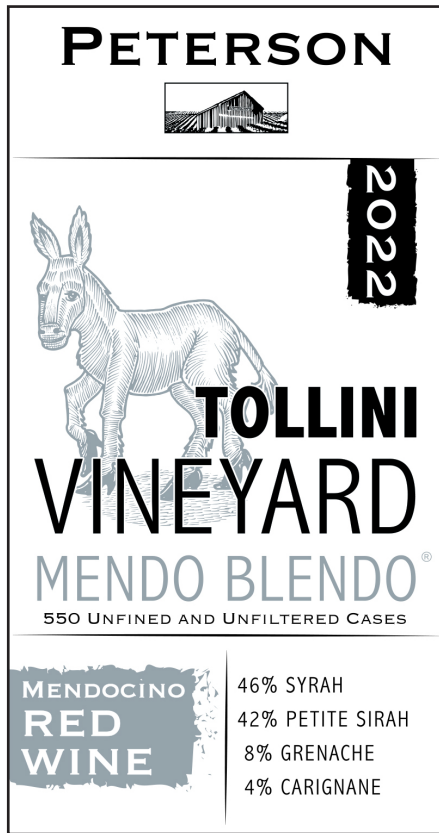


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2022 MENDO BLENDO® Tollini Vineyard, Mendocino County



Technical Data

Composition: 100% Tollini Vineyard

<u>Varietal Breakdown</u>	<u>Harvest Dates</u>
46% Syrah	October 4
42% Petite Sirah	Sept. 22 & Oct. 4
8% Grenache	October 13
4% Carignane	October 18

Appellation: Redwood Valley, Mendocino County

Alcohol: 13.7%

pH: 3.46

TA: 0.65g/100ml

Barrel Aging: 21 months

Cooperage: 14% new French oak barrels,
7% new American oak barrels,
7% new Hungarian oak barrels,
72% neutral old barrels

Bottling Date: July 24, 2024 (unfined & unfiltered)
Closure Type: Screwcap - Janson custom - Saranex liner
Production: 525 cases | 750ml; 20 cases | 3L bag-in-box
Release Date: April 2025

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.

Since 2008, when Alvin first offered me some of his Petite Sirah grapes, Mendo Blendo was created with Tollini Mendocino Petite Sirah at its core. For the 2022 vintage, the blend's core is split between Syrah (46%) and Petite Sirah (42%), with 8% Grenache and 4% Carignane rounding out the flavors. The grapes remain 100% from Tollini Vineyard. We named this wine Mendo Blendo to reflect its origins with a wink and a nod to Mendocino's other agricultural crop of note.

Tasting Notes

Dark, concentrated aromas of plum and blackberry mingle with the scent of kid-glove leather. A light, refreshing entry flows in dark flavors mid-palate that continue into the finish. Bright acidity and hints of oak frame the flavors, lending a mouthwatering quality to the wine. Black plum, boysenberry, cherry and blueberry fuse with traces of dried strawberry, black tea, dried fine herbs and blood orange. This blend offers the depth, layers and quality of a fine French Rhône red, but without the price tag.

Enjoy with hearty fare like seafood gumbo, kale and white bean stew or lamb tagine with green olives and lemon served with saffron rice.