



Leonetti Cellar

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| 1901 | Rosalina Fazzari arrives in Walla Walla, WA immigrating from Serra Pedace, Calabria, Italy | 1981 | Wine & Spirits Magazine recognized the 1978 Leonetti Cabernet as best in nation in blind tasting |
| 1902 | Francesco Leonetti arrives in Walla Walla, WA immigrating from Serra Pedace, Calabria, Italy | 1984 | Construction begins on the old stone winery building |
| 1905 | Frank and Rose marry in Walla Walla after an “arranged” courting period | 1995 | First Leonetti Sangiovese produced |
| 1906 | Frank and Rose purchase a distressed parcel of land in which to farm | 1995 | A perfect higher elevation south facing site is purchased that will later become Mill Creek Upland Vineyard |
| 1922 | Gary Figgins’ mother, Virginia Leonetti, youngest of the six Leonetti children, is born in Walla Walla | 1996 | <i>WINTER</i> — After a Winter freeze severely damages Walla Walla Valley vineyards, Gary and Chris embark on a quest to convert to an estate-grown model and locate superior vineyard sites to mitigate potential winter damage |
| 1943 | Virginia Leonetti marries Berle Figgins (Gary’s father) in Walla Walla | 1996 | Chris Figgins, Gary and Nancy’s son, graduates from Washington State University with a degree in horticulture and joins the family business |
| 1948 | Gary Figgins is born | 1997 | Leonetti acquires partnership in Seven Hills Vineyard |
| 1968 | Gary marries Nancy Cosgrove | 1997 | Mill Creek Upland Vineyard planted and Seven Hills Vineyard expanded |
| 1973 | Gary and Rick Small are based in California for Army Reserve service and begin making trips to Wine Country | 2000 | Land adjacent to Leonetti Cellar estate is purchased and will become Loess Vineyard |
| 1973 | Gary begins hobby winemaking in his basement | 2000 | Current production facility on the Leonetti Estate is built with three barrel caves |
| 1974 | Gary, along with his two uncles, George and Bill Leonetti, plant Cabernet and Riesling on a south facing parcel of the original Leonetti homestead | 2001 | Chris assumes reins as head winemaker for Leonetti Cellar |
| 1975 | Gary and Nancy purchase current winery property and convert the tiny horse tack shed into a winery | 2002 | Loess Vineyard is planted |
| 1976 | Leonetti Old Block Merlot, the first Walla Walla Valley vineyard, is planted on the current estate property | 2004 | <i>WINTER</i> — A winter arctic freeze blasts Walla Walla Valley vineyards with very low temps—new vineyards survive |
| 1977 | Gary and Nancy bond Leonetti Cellar as Walla Walla’s first winery | 2007 | Amy Figgins, Gary and Nancy’s daughter, joins the winery after a long stint in corporate America |
| 1978 | Leonetti Cellar’s first commercial vintage of Cabernet Sauvignon & Riesling is produced from the grapes harvested from the Leonetti homestead | 2010 | Serra Pedace Vineyard, paying homage to the Leonetti’s ancestral home, is planted above Seven Hills Vineyard in SeVein Vineyards of Distinction |
| 1980 | McClellan and Hendricks families establish the famed Seven Hills Vineyard | 2011 | Gary and Nancy semi-retire and Chris assumes role of President and Director of Winemaking |
| 1980 | First Leonetti Merlot is produced from the Leonetti Old Block | 2018 | Leonetti releases Aglianico—first new varietal since 1995, and an homage to our southern Italian roots |

