

# LEONETTI

## HISTORICAL TIMELINE

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- 1901** Rosina Fazzari arrives in Walla Walla, WA immigrating from Serra Pedace, Calabria, Italy
- 1902** Francesco Leonetti arrives in Walla Walla, WA immigrating from Serra Pedace, Calabria, Italy
- 1905** Frank and Rose marry in Walla Walla after an “arranged” courting period
- 1909** Frank and Rose purchase a distressed parcel of land in which to farm
- 1922** Virginia Leonetti, youngest of the 6 Leonetti children and eventually Gary Figgins mother, is born in Walla Walla
- 1943** Virginia Leonetti marries Berle Figgins (Gary’s father) in Walla Walla
- 1948** Gary Figgins born
- 1968** Gary marries Nancy Cosgrove
- 1968** Gary and Rick Small are based in California for Army Reserve service and begin making trips to Wine Country
- 1969** Gary begins hobby winemaking in his basement
- 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
- 1975** Gary and Nancy purchase current winery property and convert the tiny horse tack shed into a winery
- Winter*
- 1977** Gary and Nancy bond Leonetti Cellar as Walla Walla’s first winery
- Spring*
- 1977** Leonetti Old Block Merlot planted on the current winery property
- 1978** Leonetti Cellar’s first commercial vintage of Cabernet Sauvignon & Riesling is produced from the grapes harvested from the Leonetti homestead
- 1980** McClellan and Hendricks families establish the famed Seven Hills Vineyard
- 1980** First Leonetti Merlot is produced from the Leonetti Old Block
- 1981** Wine & Spirits Magazine recognized the 1978 Leonetti Cabernet as best in nation in blind tasting
- 1984** Construction begins on the old stone winery building
- 1995** First Leonetti Sangiovese produced
- 1996** Chris Figgins, Gary and Nancy’s son, graduates from Washington State University with degree in Horticulture and joins the family business
- 1996** Leonetti acquires partnership in Seven Hills Vineyard
- Winter*
- 1996** A Winter freeze decimates Walla Walla Valley Vineyards. Gary and Chris embark on a crusade to convert to an all estate grown model by choosing superior vineyard sites
- 1995** A perfect higher elevation south facing site is purchased that will later become Mill Creek Upland Vineyard
- 1997** Mill Creek Upland Vineyard planted & Seven Hills Vineyard expanded
- 2000** Land adjacent to Leonetti Cellar estate is purchased and will become Loess Vineyard
- 2000** Current production facility on the Leonetti Estate is built with three barrel caves
- 2001** Chris assumes reins as head winemaker for Leonetti Cellar
- 2002** Loess Vineyard is planted
- Winter*
- 2004** A winter arctic freeze blasts Walla Walla Valley vineyards with very low temps - new vineyards survive
- 2007** Amy Figgins, Gary and Nancy’s daughter, joins the winery after a long stint in corporate America
- 2010** Serra Pedace Vineyard, paying homage to the Leonetti’s ancestral home, is planted above Seven Hills Vineyard in SeVein Vineyards of Distinction
- Spring*
- 2011** This mark represents our commitment as a multi-generational family business with common goals of quality, by looking firmly to the future, with full understanding, respect, and perspective of our past family heritage.
- Fall*
- 2011** Gary and Nancy semi-retire and Chris assumes role of President and Director of Winemaking.