

# 2023 Block Verde Grüner Veltliner



## THE VINTAGE

The 2023 vintage was one of the latest vintages Spring Ridge Vineyards has ever encountered. The growing season was long and cool, with temperatures rarely rising to normal summer levels. The first pick of the season was 10/4/23 and the final pick was 10/27/23.

**VINTAGE:** 2023

**PICK DATE:** 10/11/2023

**APPELLATION:** SAN FRANCISCO BAY AVA

**ALC/VOL:** 11.3%

**PRODUCTION:** 102 CASES

**CLONE:** CLONE FPS-3 ON 5C ROOTSTOCK

**YEAR PLANTED:** 2019

**FERMENTATION:** STAINLESS STEEL, PARTIAL MLF

**ÉLEVAGE:** STAINLESS STEEL TANK, 6 MO

**WINEMAKER:** SHALINI SEKHAR



## THE WINEMAKING

Fruit is picked at first light to optimize acidity and flavor profile. After field-sorting, the fruit is whole cluster pressed, and the juice is racked to a stainless steel tank to ferment and age. During the cellaring months the wine is monitored with minimal intervention to allow its natural terroir to shine. After 6 months of aging, the wine is bottled without filtration to capture the delicate flavors and aromas unique to each block.

## THE ÉLEVAGE

2023 Block Verde Grüner was fermented and aged in a stainless steel tank to promote a fresh, fruity, and refreshingly acidic flavor profile.

## THE VINEYARD

Verde block was planted in the meadow adjacent to the tasting room in 2019. Verde Block is approximately 1 acre, spanning between 520 to 530 feet of elevation. 2023 saw the second harvest of this block, with approximately 0.67 tons picked. Our Grüner Veltliner is one of only a few plantings in all of California.

# Block Verde



**AVA:** SAN FRANCISCO BAY

**CLONE:** CLONE 3

**ROOTSTOCK:** 101-14

**PLANTING DATE:** 2019

**ACRES:** 0.9

**VINE COUNT:** 1100

**ELEVATION:** 520 TO 530 FT

**DIRECTIONAL PLACEMENT:** NORTH-FACING

**SOIL COMPOSITION:** CLAY LOAM

**TRELLISING:** VERTICAL SHOOT POSITIONED (VSP)



## ABOUT BLOCK VERDE

Block Verde grüner veltliner is the most recent block to be planted on the Neely property. Block Verde, planted in 2019, is just shy of 1 acre, spanning elevation between 520 to 530 feet above sea level. Block Verde is named with our Spanish-speaking vineyard crew in mind, using the Spanish word 'verde' in reference to the typical bright green coloring of grüner veltliner grapes and juice. Grüner Veltliner is a varietal that hails from Austria. It is an aromatic varietal, and often exudes peppery, spicy, and stone fruit flavors. Our planting is one of only a few in all of California.

## ABOUT SAUSAL CREEK VINEYARD

Sausal Creek Vineyard lies in the meadow adjacent to the Neely Wine tasting room at the bottom of the Neely property in Portola Valley. Straddling the border between Santa Cruz Mountains AVA and the San Francisco Bay AVA, this vineyard is home to Neely Wine's three newest blocks including Leoncita (chardonnay), Verde (grüner veltliner), and our currently unnamed cabernet sauvignon/cabernet franc block. Sausal Creek Vineyard is bordered to the south by Windy Hill Open Space Preserve, and to the north by its namesake Sausal Creek. These three blocks show great promise, and we have great hope that Sausal Creek Vineyard will be as successful as Spring Ridge Vineyard has been for the past 40 years.