

# Leoncita Block



**AVA:** SAN FRANCISCO BAY AVA

**CLONE:** CLONE 72 (WENTE)

**ROOTSTOCK:** 101-14

**PLANTING DATE:** 2017

**ACRES:** 2

**VINE COUNT:** 2300

**ELEVATION:** 530 TO 540 FT

**DIRECTIONAL PLACEMENT:** NORTHWEST-FACING

**SOIL COMPOSITION:** CLAY LOAM

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



## ABOUT LEONCITA BLOCK

Leoncita Block is the most recently planted Chardonnay block at Neely Wine and the first block planted at Sausal Creek Vineyard. Planted in 2017, Leoncita Block produced its first crop in 2019. Spanning 2 acres, this is the largest of the three blocks at Sausal Creek Vineyard. Residing between 530 to 540 feet above sea level, Leoncita is fairly flat and more densely planted than the historic Chardonnay blocks of Spring Ridge Vineyard in order to mitigate frost and reduce yields.

## 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 are already producing incredible fruit. We have high expectations that Sausal Creek Vineyard will be as successful as Spring Ridge Vineyard has been for the past 40 years.