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BLACK STALLION ESTATE WINERY COMPLETES SOLAR INSTALLATION

Delicato Family Vineyards' flagship winery on Silverado trail

Napa, Calif. (August 14, 2017) – Delicato Family Vineyards announced the completion of the installation of a Solar Electric Energy System at its flagship winery in Napa Valley. The 347.93 kW PV system includes over 1,000 panels and was installed on the building roofs at Black Stallion Estate Winery by [Sunworks](#).

The system reduces carbon dioxide emissions by approximately 377 metric tons per year, which is equal to taking 79.6 passenger vehicles off the road, reducing 902,773 miles driven by an average passenger vehicle, or planting 357 acres of U.S. forests.*

Because of the 'time of use' of energy at the winery and working closely with the utility company, the new system results in a 98% energy cost offset and an 84% energy consumption offset, which means the property is almost at carbon neutral operation. In addition to the sustainability benefits, the solar installation is expected create six-figure annual savings in utility expenses.

Clean energy continues to be an important part of business strategies, with top US corporations investing in an estimated 1 gigawatt of onsite solar installations, which equals a reduction of approximately 1 million metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions.**

"As a family-owned agricultural business, our commitment to innovation and environmental stewardship has always been a cornerstone of our company and the companies we work with," noted Chris Indelicato, President and CEO, Delicato Family Vineyards. "This solar program supports our dedication to sustainability and saves the company resources, which ultimately benefits our consumers."

All of Delicato's wineries and facilities are certified by the Wine Institute's Certified California Sustainable Winegrowing program, and implement other environmentally friendly efforts such as water conservation; soil restoration; rootstock selection; erosion control; responsible packaging and recycling.

*Source: <https://www.epa.gov/energy/greenhouse-gas-equivalencies-calculator>

**Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA) 2016 Report

About Black Stallion Estate Winery

Located on the historic Silverado Trail in the heart of Napa Valley, Black Stallion Estate Winery pays homage to the rich history of the 32-acre estate which was once home to the Silverado Horseman's Center. The property was purchased in 2010 by Delicato Family Vineyards. The winery sources from the most prestigious vineyards with a commitment to crafting the most expressive wines possible.



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About Delicato Family Vineyards

Delicato Family Vineyards is a family-owned company founded in 1924. Four generations of the Indelicato family have overseen vineyard operations and winemaking at their California properties, maintaining the unparalleled standards for which they are known. The Delicato portfolio includes a unique range of brands such as Bota Box, Gnarly Head, Noble Vines, Black Stallion Estate Winery, Z. Alexander Brown, Diora, Belle Ambiance, Brazil, HandCraft, Irony, Loft, and Earth Wise. For more information, visit www.delicato.com.

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