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**The EOS Estate Winery Converts Entirely To Solar Power**  
*The Winery is One of the First in California to Use a System that Actively Tracks the Sun*

Sacramento, CA, 17 September 2007 – The EOS Estate Winery commissioned SunTechnics with the installation of a solar power plant with a total maximum output of 540 Kilowatts in order to convert its facility entirely to solar power. The \$3.8 million project, including the installation of more than two acres of ground mounted tracking solar arrays that will provide all of the electrical power needs for the winery and tasting room, will make EOS the largest winery in California's Central Coast to run completely on alternative energy. Additional roof mounted solar arrays will provide all the hot water needs. The installation is due to be completed by February 2008.

SunTechnics, a worldwide leading provider of turnkey solar electric systems, will install the EOS system, comprising of 3,084 photovoltaic modules and 60 solar hot water collectors. This act of environmental stewardship will save the equivalent of 360 acres of trees planted and over 21,000 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> saved over 25 years.

"At EOS, we believe strongly in producing our wines in a way that is friendly to the land and the environment as a whole," said Jeff Hopmayer, the new owner of The EOS Estate Winery. "Because of the abundant sunshine, California is the perfect place to harvest solar power and utilize it to create our award-winning wines."

SunTechnics will use state-of-the-art single axis technology that actively tracks the sun's path as it moves across the sky throughout the day. This way the system is able to produce annually more than 1,072,226 kilowatt hours of environmentally-friendly electricity from the sun in the future. "Standard solar power systems harvest the sun's power only at peak levels during the day," said Florian Edler, CEO of SunTechnics Energy Systems, Inc. "The system that we created for EOS will follow the sun all day avoiding any shading. This will allow EOS to operate on 100% solar power in the most efficient way possible."

Hopmayer and his partners at Sapphire Wines LLC purchased The EOS Estate Winery in August. "From the day we made the deal, we knew that investing in a solar power system was one of our first priorities," said Hopmayer. "In Paso Robles we are blessed with the perfect climate for growing grapes. By using alternative energy, we are doing our part to protect our environment while continuing to produce the highest quality wine."

EOS worked closely on this deal with the City of Paso Robles. "We are so pleased with The EOS Estate Winery's leadership in the area of solar power," said Frank Mecham, Mayor of Paso Robles. "Not only is this the first winery in the county to convert completely to solar power, it also is one of the largest projects like this in the state."

#### **About SunTechnics:**

SunTechnics is a worldwide leader in the installation of turnkey systems for the utilization of renewable energy. The planning and installation company has acquired extensive engineering know-how in photovoltaics, solar thermal, bioenergy and hybrid systems over a period of more than 11 years. SunTechnics customizes renewable technologies to suit local conditions and optimize system solutions that satisfy individual needs at a high quality level. SunTechnics Energy Systems, Inc. is headquartered in Sacramento and has regional offices throughout California, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey and Maryland. For customer information, contact us at 1-888-786-8321, or via the Internet at [www.SunTechnicsUSA.com](http://www.SunTechnicsUSA.com)

#### **About EOS Estate Winery**

The EOS Estate Winery was built in 1985 by the Arciero Family, and purchased in 2007 by Sapphire Wines LLC of Franklin, Tenn. The EOS brand was introduced in 1997. The winery, named after the Goddess of the Dawn in Greek mythology, features an impressive wine portfolio directed by senior winemaker, Leslie Melendez. The EOS brand has been named "*The Best Petite Sirah*" and "*The Best Zinfandel*" in California, and "*One of the Top 100 Wines in the World*" by *The Wine Enthusiast*. To learn more about the winery, visit [www.eosvintage.com](http://www.eosvintage.com).