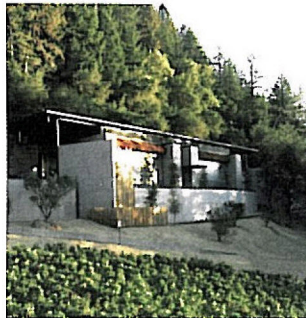




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The low-impact CADE winery in California

Eco winery

Innovative wine-producers aren't rare in the Napa Valley but that's not stopping CADE, due to open this month, from leading the way for a new generation of benchmark wineries. Owned by the PlumpJack Group (founded by San Francisco's mayor Gavin Newsom), which stunned the industry in 1992 by bottling high-end wine under screw cap, the CADE winery has been built to LEED (Leadership in Energy Environmental Design) specifications and aims to be the first winery in California to achieve LEED's gold-status accreditation. Check out its solar-powered main building made of recycled steel, walls made of wood certified by the Forest Stewardship Council as sustainable and plug-in sockets for hybrid electric cars. Tastings for visitors take place in the cellar or a room with views of the Mayacamas mountains.

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CADE winery, 360 Howell Mountain Road South, Napa Valley (www.cadewinery.com). Open by appointment for tours and tastings: call 00 1 707 965 2746