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Anthony Gismondi: B.C. wine of the week, wine to cellar and calendar items

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Napa, Calif.-based **Domaine Carneros**, owned by French Champagne house Taittinger, was an early adopter of sustainability, installing its first solar power system in 2003.

In 2021, the winery will upgrade to a more powerful microgrid program with a computer-controlled battery storage system designed to operate the winery off the regional electric grid in the event of a power failure. The solar portion of the project will reduce their utility bill.

At the same time, the battery system optimizes operations by allowing the winery to draw down stored energy during the expensive, evening peak period. The system will also offset 624 metric tons of carbon generated each year.

