



persimmon winery estate

Persimmon Creek Vineyards is a boutique, family-owned winery located on 110 acres of rolling farmland at 2,100 feet elevation in Clayton, Georgia.

Wines, including Riesling, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Seyval Blanc, are produced on premise from 100% estate grown grapes, with many processes – picking, crushing, bottling, corking and labeling – done by hand.



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Solar Energy

A Georgia family pioneers the use of clean, solar energy in their vineyard operations.

Persimmon Creek Vineyards co-owners Mary Ann and William “Sonny” Hardman partnered with Atlanta-based Radiance Solar to install an eight-kilowatt solar system on the roof of their winery, trapping energy from the sunlight and converting it into a usable form to power the vineyard’s many functions.

Persimmon Creek is the first Georgia vineyard to make an investment in solar energy, and one of very few in the Southeast to incorporate renewable energy into a vineyard’s operations. This distinction demonstrates the Hardman’s commitment to setting the bar for wine making in Georgia.

“Taking this next step into solar power was a natural extension of the poly-culture used at Persimmon Creek Vineyards,” says Mary Ann Hardman. “Employing renewable energy only furthers our vision to grow high quality grapes in harmony with the surrounding environment. Since enough solar energy hits the earth in an hour to supply the energy needs of the entire populace, it only makes sense that we should harness this same clean, free, celestial energy for the winery operations.”