

## The Benefits of Commercial Solar PV

14 good reasons to consider a commercial solar electric system for your winery.

- Commercial businesses may be able to finance the cost thru PACE.
- Solar PV is achieving average rates of return on investment around 17%, with a much higher return possible.
- If your business operates throughout the weekend, as well as the week, the savings that can be made increase by up to 40%.
- Commercial operations stand to gain the most from Solar PV systems as they typically use a lot of electrical appliances during business/daylight hours.
- Solar energy opens up marketing and PR opportunities.
- Installing Solar PV will lower the carbon emissions of your business and demonstrate your green credentials to customers, suppliers and industry.
- We are moving into a period where reporting our carbon footprint and reducing our emissions has become a key aspect of business for many sectors, especially those looking to build partnerships with suppliers and retailers. With ISO 14001 increasingly becoming a prerequisite for many partnerships, installing a Solar PV system alongside implementing an environmental management plan can make a big difference when it comes to attracting new as well as repeat business.
- If you choose to invest in Solar PV on a roof, then it turns 'dead' space into a healthy income.
- Solar PV is an incredibly secure investment.
- The earnings you can make from the Feed in Tariff scheme will repay the cost of the system and help you generate a healthy return on your investment over the lifetime of the scheme.
- Solar PV engineering is a proven, reliable technology.
- Solar PV will protect your business against future price increases.
- The system has no moving parts, requiring very little maintenance.
- Most Solar PV installations experience very little red tape with city and county planning departments.
- Panels can be installed on east or west facing roofs with only a small reduction in performance.
- Solar PV panels will work as soon as there is radiation. This means that even on a freezing cold winters day as long as there is sunlight, your system will be providing you with energy. Panels do not require direct sunlight to work, they will they will still work in low light conditions.