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CASA  
**RONDEÑA**  
WINERY

Casa Rondeña Winery Presents a Duet of North Indian Classical Music: An exploration of ragas between Sarod and Sitar by Alam Khan & Arjun K. Verma

Los Ranchos de Albuquerque — Son of the legendary Sarode Maestro, Swara Samrat Ali Akbar Khan, Alam Khan has been captivating audiences worldwide for many years.

Beginning his training in the Maihar Seni Gharana at the age of seven, Alam was fortunate to learn and live in the traditional Guru-student style. Ali Akbar Khan's meticulous guidance is evident in each note Alam plays, showcasing his imaginative interpretation of the ancient ragas passed down from Mian Tansen in the courts of Emperor Akbar in the 16th century.

Alam's performance career took off when he began accompanying his father onstage internationally. They performed at prestigious venues and highly acclaimed concert halls across the United States, Canada, Europe, and India.

In addition to accompanying his esteemed father, Alam's unique voice began to emerge with his solo career, which started in 1998. He has since toured worldwide.

"As a student of one of the greatest musicians in the world, I have this to share" says John Calvin, founder of Casa Rondeña Winery and the new Animante de Rondeña. "For three years as a young and professional seeker, I learned at the feet of the late Ali Akbar Khan, and everything about Casa Rondeña and Animante de Rondeña has been shaped by those years."

Studying various instruments throughout the first half of John Calvin's life was the foundation for the path he's taken in the art world. "All of my creative life, whether in business or architecture and building, winemaking and even raising my children, has its roots in the Classical Music of India, and the study of Raga. Without this inspiration, Casa Rondeña may have never existed", says Calvin.

*Animante de Rondeña* takes pride in educating and introducing new experiences that embody the artistic spirit for which Casa Rondeña is renowned. "We are very passionate about art and music, history and architecture. We aim to make life better in our community through our passion for these things" says Calvin. "The very roots and inspiration for Animante de Rondeña and Casa Rondeña are defined and even codified by the music of Alam Khan. I look forward to sharing this experience with our community."

## Event Details

Immerse yourself in a rich, cultural experience at the new Animante de Rondeña, at Casa Rondeña Winery.

World-Renowned Alam Khan & Arjun K. Verma Live in Concert

\$115/person

### Tickets include:

Two-hour Performance

Wine Reception

Hors d'oeuvres

Authentic Indian Cuisine

Animante Port-style wine and dessert

The evening begins with a Welcome Reception in the Garden, offering wine and passed h'oeuvres, followed by authentic Indian cuisine and a two-hour performance in the Grand Hall. Intermission will offer Animante Port-Style wine and desserts.

### Location:

Animante de Rondeña  
Casa Rondeña Winery  
733 Chavez Rd. NW, Located in the Village of Los Ranchos

Tickets: [casarondena.com/alamkhan](https://casarondena.com/alamkhan)

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## ABOUT ALAM KHAN

### Biography:

Alam Khan, born in 1979, is an accomplished sarod player and composer. He hails from a prestigious musical lineage as the son of the legendary Ali Akbar Khan, one of the most influential figures in Indian classical music.

### Family Legacy:

Alam Khan belongs to the Senia Maihar Gharana, a school of music founded by his grandfather, Ustad Allauddin Khan. This gharana emphasizes the sarod and has produced several renowned musicians. His father, Ali Akbar Khan, was a virtuoso sarod player and composer. He played a pivotal role in popularizing Indian classical music globally.

### Training & Education:

Alam Khan received rigorous training in the sarod from his father, starting at a young age. His education included both traditional ragas and compositions as well as innovative approaches. He also studied Western music theory and composition, which influenced his unique musical perspective.

### Artistic Journey:

Alam Khan has collaborated with various artists, exploring cross-cultural musical boundaries. His work blends Indian classical music with contemporary elements. His album "The Resonance Between" (with Arjun Verma, Nilan Chaudhuri, and Del Sol Quartet) exemplifies this fusion, combining sarod, sitar, tabla, and Western classical instruments.

### Innovations:

Alam Khan experiments with techniques such as looping, counterpoint, and modern textures, pushing the boundaries of traditional Indian music. His performances showcase intricate improvisations, expressive melodies, and a deep understanding of both Eastern and Western musical idioms.

### Legacy Continuation:

As Ali Akbar Khan's son, Alam Khan carries forward the family legacy. He strives to maintain the purity of the sarod tradition while infusing it with contemporary creativity. Alam Khan's dedication to musical exploration and his ability to bridge cultural gaps make him a fascinating artist.

### About the Casa Rondeña Winery:

Casa Rondeña is a family-owned and operated winery nestled in the picturesque Village of Los Ranchos, New Mexico. Since 1995, Casa Rondeña has been committed to the growing and winemaking practices that respect its agricultural roots, and the greater community of Los Ranchos.

### About Animante de Rondeña:

Combining elegance with the natural charm of Casa Rondeña Winery, Animante de Rondeña offers a beautiful new venue that seamlessly blends Islamic architectural influences with its serene surroundings. Designed to embrace both grand celebrations and intimate private events, this enchanting space serves as a testament to our love for art and music, history and architecture.

With its intricate geometric patterns, graceful arches, and tranquil courtyards, Animante de Rondeña provides a uniquely sophisticated and culturally-rich setting, ensuring each event is as memorable as the stunning, inspired design.

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