



## KITCHENS

### Best cellar

Want wine storage but stuck for space? Going underneath the kitchen floor can be a surprisingly useful solution, according to Lucy Hargreaves of Spiral Cellars. 'All you need is a 2m<sup>2</sup> space with enough room to open a trap door,' she says. 'It doesn't require planning permission and it can store up to 1,870 bottles of wine and champagne.'

Lisa Binfield of Harrington Interiors has included Spiral Cellars in several of her recent projects. 'It's not just about wine storage, although people are bowled over by its practicality,' she says. 'Increasingly, it's seen as a special feature, especially when the trap door is made of glass and the steps below are fitted with LED lights.'

'The Spiral Cellar is really an extension built downwards,' says Hargreaves. Pre-cast concrete modules, with one step to each layer, are installed in the hole, forming a honeycomb in which bottles can be stored. 'The ground acts like a huge Thermos flask, insulating the cellar and maintaining an even, optimal temperature,' she says. 'Humidity is important to stop the corks in the bottles drying out so the cellar has two "passive ventilation system" pipes that lead to the outside, creating a slow movement of air in and out.' And, if a glass trap door doesn't suit, doors can be made to blend in with the existing flooring. [www.spiralcellars.com](http://www.spiralcellars.com)  
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