



## DOWNWARD SPIRAL OF WINE

For wine buffs who bemoan their property's lack of a cellar, there may at last be a genuine solution.

The Spiral Cellar is an extension of sorts – only it's built downwards underneath the property to create the perfect ambient storage space for your wine collection.

A hole is dug where the cellar is to be situated with a diameter of 2000mm and the base covered in a layer of sand. The bottom and the walls of the hole are lined with felt and then a 1.5mm thick butyl waterproof liner to ensure that the cellar will be totally watertight even in an area with a high water table.

Pre-cast concrete modules, with one step to each layer, are installed, forming a honeycomb in which bottles can be stored and ventilation pipes and a trap door are then fitted. No mechanical cooling or heating is required under normal UK conditions.

Two types of cellar are available – the Spiral Cellar which is available in four different depths, from 2m – 3m deep, which

can store up to 1600 bottles, and the Mini Cellar which comes in depths of either 1.35m or 1.6m. The Mini Cellar can store up to 770 bottles and has a simple wooden staircase leading from a double trap door.

The company claims that over 15,000 Spiral Cellars have been built in France and more than 2,500 cellars so far in the UK. Spiral Cellars: +44 (0)845 241 2768 [www.spiralcellars.com](http://www.spiralcellars.com)



## MORE DESIGNER WINE TIPS

The latest Designer magazine reader event took place at Bulthaup Wilmslow, Cheshire, last month, with a wine tasting event organised in association with Liebherr and Bulthaup. Attendees – including designers, architects and other kitchen professionals from throughout the North-West – were welcomed by Tim Hutchinson Marketing Director of Liebherr distributor Waterline, Kevin John, Publisher of the Designer, and Nigel Scott, designer of Bulthaup's Wilmslow showroom.

As well as being for many a first glimpse of Bulthaup's Wilmslow showroom, the event was the latest in a series intended to provide readers with an informal networking opportunity as well as the chance to find out more about fine wine and its correct storage conditions. The Designer magazine events are open to all readers of the magazine. For further information on future events visit [www.thedesigermagazine.com](http://www.thedesigermagazine.com) or contact [stacey@thedesigermagazine.com](mailto:stacey@thedesigermagazine.com)

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Above: Tim Hutchinson, Liebherr (left) and Nigel Scott, Bulthaup

Below: Readers enjoyed fine wine and expert advice from our guest sommelier



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