



Chill the Wine

State-of-the-art storage for the home cellar.

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TODAY MANY WINE CELLAR PROVIDERS seamlessly blend old-world ideas and craftsmanship with hidden cutting-edge technology that not only protects your investment, but adds a new level of enjoyment to your wine collecting experience. The following luxury cellar companies offer the best in design, high technology, low technology and brand-new features.

Spiral Cellars

The Spiral Cellar is an excellent option for those who want a wine cellar but prefer not to add or convert a room to accommodate a wine collection. With a Spiral Cellar, the bottles are stored on the walls that wrap a spiral staircase. A passive storage system—meaning that instead of electronic cooling systems, it derives the appropriate temperature from the natural coolness of the ground—it requires no maintenance and adheres to the Wine Society guidelines for storage in a clean, dark, humid area with good ventilation, constant temperature and no vibration.

The Spiral Cellar is built into the ground, designed to be watertight, and equipped with a simple two-pipe ventilation system that maintains optimal temperature and humidity, and keeps air fresh. The cellar is lined with precast concrete modules that form a honeycomb (nature's perfect storage configuration), allowing for maximum horizontal wine storage in the compact space.

The cellar is accessed through a trapdoor, which can be designed to either blend with the flooring or make its own statement. Spiral offers four depths for storage of up to 1,600 bottles. Influencing Hampshire, England, customer Vincent Gasnier's decision to choose a Spiral Cellar was what he refers to as "the look and impressive display of the cellar." Other factors he says were important to his choice were gaining wine cellar space without losing a room, the security of having his collection at home, proper storage conditions and easy access to his wine.

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