

▼ SUZANNE KASLER  
DESIGNED THIS WINE  
ROOM FOR CLIENTS  
WHO LOVE HOSTING  
(READ: WINING AND  
DINING) THEIR LARGE  
EXTENDED FAMILY.



## The Gift of Grape

WHETHER YOU'RE AN OENOPHILE WHOSE COLLECTION RIVALS THAT OF A TUSCAN VINEYARD or your entire vino vocab begins and ends with the word *oaky*, the right wine storage setup is a smart investment. Yes, it's true that good safekeeping means big money: HomeAdvisor expert Dan DiClerico says a basic 25-square-foot, 500-bottle room typically starts at around \$20,000, while a fully tricked out, 150-square-foot space could set you back \$100,000. Thankfully there are tons of creative storage solutions and great tech for smaller spaces and budgets too. Read on and raise a glass. —Hadley Mendelsohn



# Before You Build...

These are the three keys to keeping your wine in prime condition.



DESIGN BY MORGAN HARRISON HOME

## No Room? No Prob.

These space-efficient appliances are an entertainer's dream.



This slim wine column has three independently climate-controlled zones and holds up to 100 bottles. **Dacor Built-In Wine Cooler**, from \$7,999.



Just knock on the front panel of this Wi-Fi-enabled unit to see what's within. There's even a Champagne mode! **LG Signature Wine Cellar**, \$6,299.



Save space with a full refrigerator that also has a dedicated wine drawer. **Bosch 800 Series Refreshment Center Refrigerator**, \$2,964.



DESIGN BY PEMBROOKE & IVES

## ▲ Low Light

Too much direct sun accelerates aging, so "be conscious of your exposures," says designer Michelle Morgan Harrison. If you want to keep your collection on display, choose a UV-filtering glass enclosure and swap out incandescent for low-voltage LED bulbs that emit less heat, advises designer Brigette Romanek.

## ▲ Cool Climate

Keep humidity levels around 60 percent (dry enough to prevent mold but moist enough to keep corks from drying out) and the temperature at 55 degrees Fahrenheit or so, says Romanek. Install a compressor refrigeration system for a full room or go for an integrated wine cooler in a kitchen island.

## ▶ Proper Positioning

Storing bottles horizontally keeps oxygen from slipping in through the cork. For those seeking form and function, think about a wall-spanning wood rack made from walnut, cherry, or mahogany—all of which can withstand higher humidity levels and keep mold at bay.



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