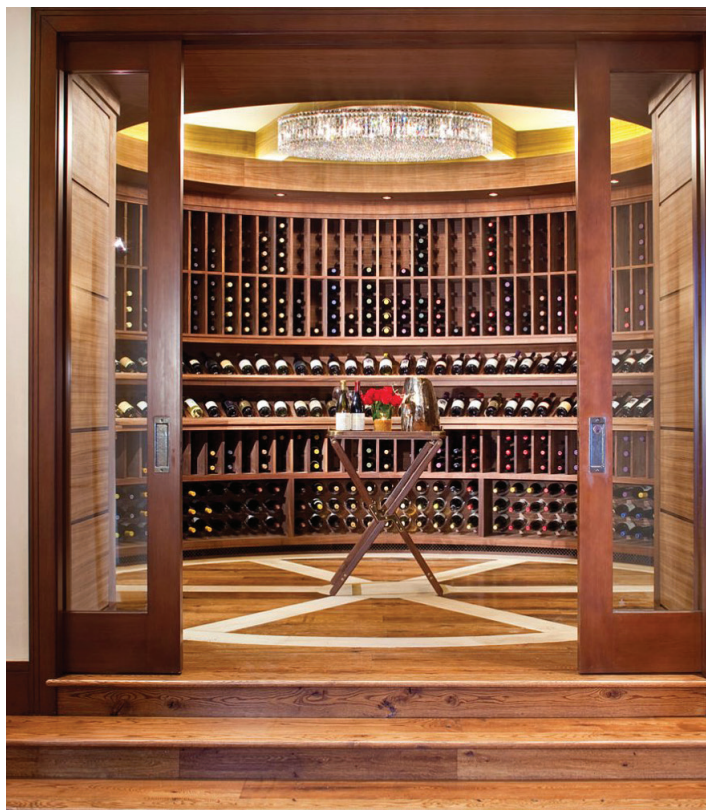


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For true oenophiles, there's an art to amassing a personal wine collection. And whether it's hundreds or thousands of bottles, having a dedicated and safe place to protect and showcase it all is the ultimate dream.

From high-tech temperature and humidity controls and custom-size shelving walls to ironclad security features and tasting tables for entertaining, modern-day wine cellars are much more than a mere storage solution. Here are three stunning in-home hideouts, all recently completed in the Aspen area.

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Warm Welcome

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Just steps from this home's great room, dining room and game room, an ascending staircase with steps handcrafted from antique white oak leads to a grand entry punctuated by a pair of cut Colorado buff sandstone columns adorned with natural ox horn lamps. Glass and wood pocket doors open to an opulent rotunda that houses a tasting table and space for over 1,100 bottles.



Glass House

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In a home that received an AIA Colorado Award of Merit, there are not one, but two climate-controlled wine cellars. Using space often lost, the staircase wine storage area is enclosed in glass—a seamless continuation of the glass guardrail above it. Set against a backdrop of the same quartzite ledge stone from the home's exterior, a modular wine rack system shines with integrated illumination by MP lighting.



Toast for Two

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As part of the lower level of a developer's personal home, this intimate wine nook's partial below-grade position brings in natural light—perfect for sunset tasting sessions. Paying homage to the couple's California roots, the area showcases California wines on custom-built racks with an undermounted LED spotlight system.