



## HOME

TASTE MASTER

## TIME FOR WINE

Although wine rooms have always been in fashion in Southwest Florida, recently there is renewed interest in creating interiors that proudly display homeowners' covetable collections. As people move away from Tuscan architecture, Romanza Interior Design's Jennifer Stevens notes they're also embracing modernized wine displays.

The design firm recently integrated a chilled wine room into the living room of a Gordon Drive residence in Naples. "The materials and lighting of this space were intentionally selected to flow as part of the main area," the senior designer says. The stone flooring flows under the glass doors of the wine room, and the lighting and textured pebble flooring accent the walnut paneling, complementing the nearby kitchen cabinetry and walnut staircase.

Creating a wine room like this requires specific architectural and structural considerations, so she suggests consulting with specialists first. Don't worry much about the size of your space or budget, though: "The appreciation of fine wine can be reflected in a dedicated room large or small," she says, adding that some specialized refrigeration units start as small as 15 inches and are offered at all price points. For reference, you can expect to shell out \$75,000 for a walk-in room with one wall of glass, refrigeration, additional design, architectural and field coordination, specialty finishes, lighting and installation. But you could also "do something more modest, such as a dedicated cabinet with small, undercounter refrigeration for much less," she says. ■

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