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Everything you need to know about storing your bottles in style

In the past, wine cellars were hidden away in basements, intended more for functionality rather than aestheties. But now, the latest trend in design changes everything: "Today we design wine cellars as a focal point within entertaining areas on the main floor," says interior designer Lord Morris.

The secret to a stunning wine cellar? Incorporate the room seamlessly into the home. "The aesthetic details need to blend in with the home's personality," says Morris. "It gives you the opportunity to be more creative than before—adding high gloss lacquers, unique metal finishes and beautiful tiles."

But, homeowners must still prepare themselves for the infrastructure required to maintain a large-scale wine cellar. "Sometimes we even put a secondary, more functional cellar in the basement to store additional bottles. But for the main cellar, it is great to showcase your collection and highlight unique, vintage bottles," she says.

Here, Morris shares some of the most extravagant wine cellars she designed and what makes each one so unique.



The Four Sea

"This wine cellar is set in a very formal condo in downtown Toronto a the Four Seasons. We wanted sonething sophisticated and elegant. I used high goles cream lacquer, emable floorwith inhead passage detailing and an Art Deco design on the ceiling to bring it to life. The 18th century brass chandelier took this space to a new level—it's one of my favorites."



Lori Morris wine cella

"This one has a very slick and modern design. We wanted somethin classic that would still evoke a sexy and provocative personality. The dark walnut wood frames the cellar, and the black lacquer and black titles showcase the vintage view. It's a really timeless design."



"I designed this wine tasting room to elevate the <u>wine enjoyment</u> experience. The chocolate brown leather chairs and banquettes elicit old world sophistication with modern flavor. I love how the bronze hula-hoop light fixtures flank the table to showcase the dark, sexy mond of the space."