



BOWA Builders insulated the entire cellar—including ceilings—with Icynene insulation to help maintain the correct temperature, humidity and airflow to prevent sensitive wines from spoiling.

A highly sophisticated HVAC unit featuring a built-in humidity detector constantly monitors the cellar; an alarm goes off if conditions change.

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All the light fixtures are low voltage to control the quantity and quality of light. The room's sole door is glazed with insulated low-E glass to prevent extra light from harming the wines.

Four Carderock stone columns support the double-barrel-vaulted Venetian plaster ceiling while providing visual continuity with the entry area.

Cellar designer David Spon hand-built three walnut wine-storage units.

Interior designer Carole Lindenberg created an informal seating plan based around a round table and leather chairs.

The floor is hardy Vermont slate.

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A Wine Seller's Cellar

The co-owners of Total Wine & More install a home cellar that promises to age well.

By Charlotte Safavi

ROBERT AND ANNA TRONE recently created an Old World wine cellar with a New World sensibility. The new addition to their French-country-style home in Potomac offers a comfortable entertaining space. "We like the feel of underground wine storage in Burgundy, but we aren't wine snobs," says

Robert, who owns Total Wine & More, the country's biggest independent wine retailer. "We wanted to share the cellar and its wine with friends." The Trones say they love the new space and frequently use it to host larger wine-tasting gatherings as well as intimate wine-paired dinners.