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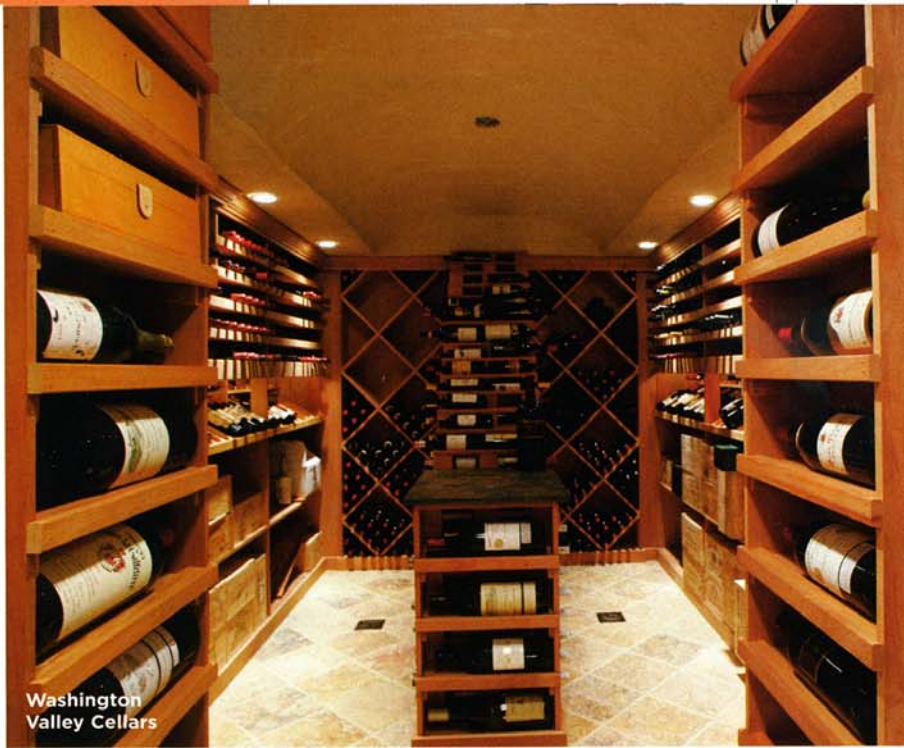
**SIMPLE,
CHEF-TESTED
RECIPES
THAT WOW**

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the shrine to the vine

Custom cellars are big investments for people who live by their wine labels

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No two large wine collections are exactly alike. The same goes for high-end wine cellars. More than an aesthetic statement or storage solution, each room is a passion project intended to draw tasty returns from every bottle in a collection. With advanced refrigeration and humidification systems, a cellar creates the ideal environs for reds and whites. And there is no limit to spending when it comes to highlighting your favorite Bordeaux,

right? Your cellar can be as big as space allows and as luxurious and detailed as you wish. Here are a few custom wine cellar companies and their specialties:

Washington Valley Cellars

*Martinsville, 732.469.5558,
washingtonvalleycellars.com*

Established in 1992, Washington Valley Cellars designs and builds about 35 wine cellars per year, optimizing each one for

storage capacity and aesthetics with custom-made wine racks. Features such as split-system refrigeration, vapor barriers, and insulation ensure a wine-friendly environment anywhere in the house and help prevent labels from molding and corks from drying out. Recently, the company divided an unfinished space, building a wine cellar and a cigar room side-by-side for a client who wanted to marry his two passions.