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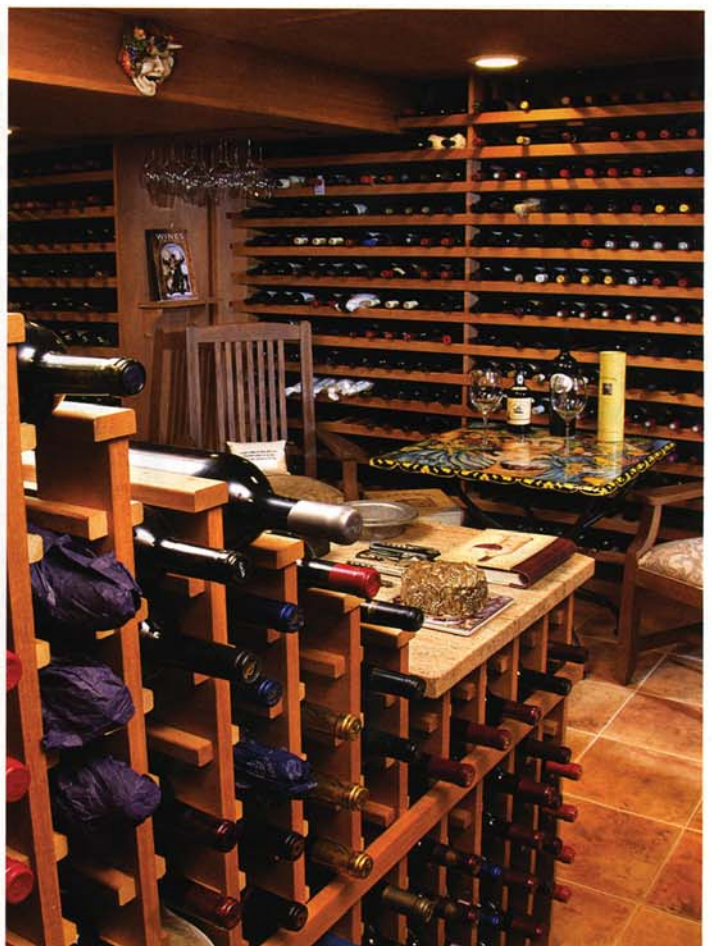
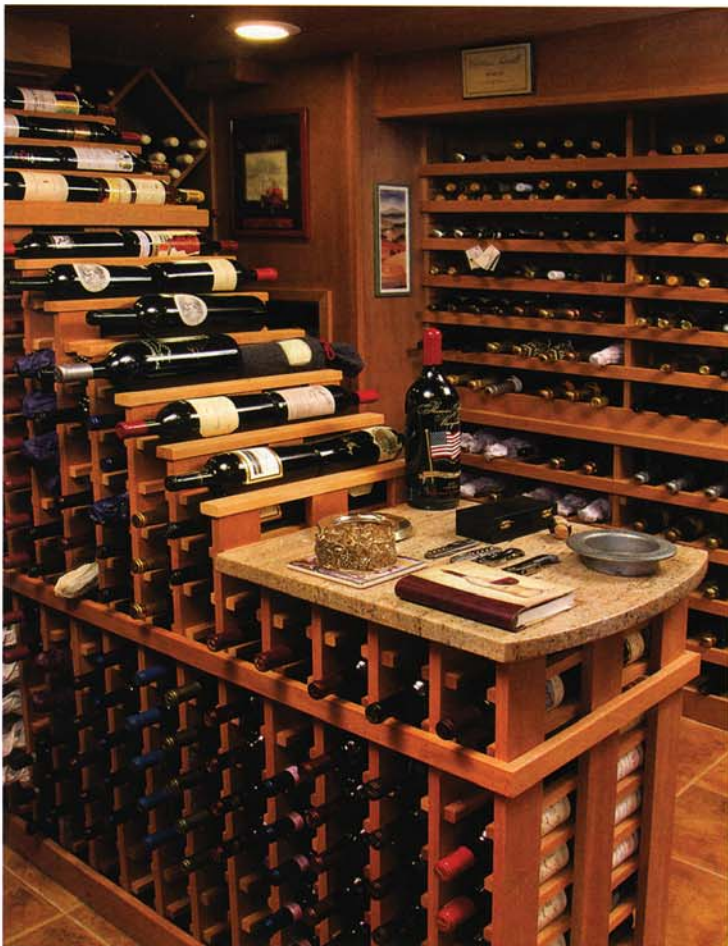
SPECIAL REPORT

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At the heart of a wine cellar in Chatham, a pyramid display called a waterfall rack (far left) ends in a granite station big enough to rest a whole case of wine on or to hold the necessary tools for uncorking and enjoying a bottle. Close by, an iron base bearing a lavastone tabletop painted with Bacchus (near left) and two Mission-style armchairs upholstered in a cream, gold, and gray medallion-and-vine print make for comfortable tastings. The homeowners fell in love with the set in Italy and brought it home. Stretching away from this cozy nook, where a bacchanalian mask and wine glasses hang, are rows of floor-to-ceiling shelving in strong, damp-resistant mahogany in diamond-shaped horizontal racks. Corner and end-cap shelves hold special bottles and mementos. The floor is terra cotta-colored porcelain tile. Recessed incandescent lighting keeps everything bright, and a custom split-refrigeration system keeps the temperature just right.

SOURCES: cellar design, racks and bins, and refrigeration system design and assembly, Washington Valley Cellars in Martinsville; countertop and flooring, Berkeley Tile in Berkeley Heights; Halo lighting, The Home Depot.



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