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News: DCB Wins Silver Meta Award!

We're excited to announce that we have won a Silver Meta Award! Our entry was a beautiful family room addition and kitchen remodel for a home in Menlo Park. The name for the Meta awards comes from the word 'metamorphosis,' which signifies the transformational process of remodeling. Anyone who has seen our projects can attest to the fact that we love being able to change our clients' homes for the better, making them more functional and more attractive, often at the same time.

Wine Cellars

Many wine enthusiasts are content simply to store a couple of bottles in the fridge or the pantry. However, many others feel that adding a wine cellar to their home would better allow them to enjoy their wine.

There are many advantages to having your own personal wine cellar. Having more space to store wines under optimal conditions allows you to buy wines in bulk without fear of not having a place to store them properly and to have a wider variety of wines on hand so that you can always find one that is right for the occasion. In addition, having your own wine cellar lets you age your own wines in ideal conditions. This allows you to buy wines when they are young (and less expensive) and to ensure that their aging is done in the best possible conditions, helping you to get the most out of your collection.





Our staff members hold the following industry certifications:

- Certified Remodeler
- Certified Remodeling Carpenter
- Certified Lead Carpenter
- Certified Kitchen and Bath Remodeler
- Certified Green Building Professional

Wine cellars have very specific building needs, which often require professional design and installation. The most important thing for storing wine is temperature control: most experts agree that wine should be stored at around 50 degrees Fahrenheit (though they disagree on the exact optimal temperature). To accomplish this, wine cellars need cooling systems and insulation on all walls as well as the floor and ceiling. Wine cellars also need to be kept at a relatively high humidity to prevent the corks from drying and allowing air into the bottles, so humidity control must be built into the cooling system and stabilized by adding a vapor guard outside of the insulation. They also need to be dark and vibration-free, as light and shaking will diminish the quality of your wine collection.

A wine cellar can be a beautiful addition to your home, but only if it is planned and built correctly. You will want to ensure that you have enough storage in the form of racks and bins to house your collection, and that the layout is simple and attractive. Some homeowners also build a tasting center into their wine cellars, with storage for glasses, counter space for opening bottles, and comfortable chairs to sit in while you sip. When finished with details like artwork, stone floors, and wood embellishments, your wine cellar could easily become your favorite room in your home.

Seasonal Reminder: Inspect your Attic for Damage or Pests

Water can leak into your attic, damaging the rest of the home below it. Check your insulation for signs of wetness or rot. Also look for signs of birds, squirrels, raccoons, and other pests that might have built a home in your home.

We hope you enjoyed our e-newsletter. Remember, you can use the link below to forward this to friends and family who might be interested, so that they can sign up for it as well. Look for us again next month!

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