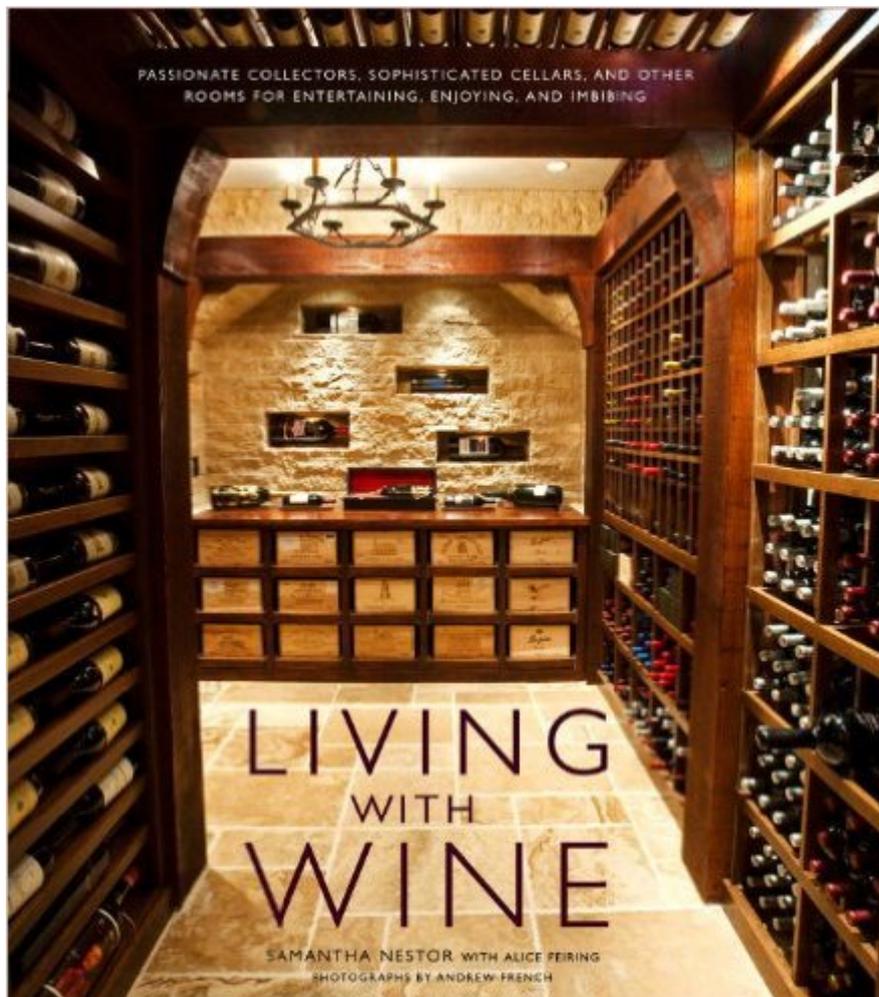


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# Living With Wine: Passionate Collectors, Sophisticated Cellars, And Other Rooms For Entertaining, Enjoying, And Imbibing



## Synopsis

America's love of wine has spurred a collecting and entertaining phenomenon. Some of America's most passionate oenophiles have re-invented the wine cellar as an inviting and beautiful part of the home. True collectors love to share their passion, and this book offers a tour of their distinctive cellars. Created with the help of some of the best designers in the field, these rooms blend luxurious design aesthetics with ingenious storage solutions. The thirty stunning spaces featured include a traditional wood cellar finished with rich paneling and ornate lighting; a cathedral-like space that showcases ironwork inspired by the French Quarter of New Orleans (and has a secret entry from a library inside the house); an inviting living room lined with temperature-controlled wood alcoves behind insulated glass; and an Old World terra-cotta cellar "within a sprawling entertainment center that includes a wet bar, a billiards table, and a tasting room. *Living with Wine* reveals the details that make the cellars a welcoming place to return "from the materials, artwork, lighting, and cutting-edge preservation technology to the way the space harmonizes with the rest of the house. From the Bay Area to Boston, Napa to New York, homeowners such as Nancy and John Lasseter, the founder of Pixar Studios; American Idol host and TV and radio personality Ryan Seacrest; and entrepreneur Rick Ryan share insights into what they collect, why they started collecting, and how they designed their spaces to fit their passion. This elegant volume shows what it means to love and collect wine.

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For wine aficionados, this is the ultimate guide to create fabulous wine rooms that can rival the best of high end wine stores. To me, it will be a good guide for showing clients the possibilities of how to approach a wine room with commercial and residential applications. Definitely one for the wine connoisseur.

I got this for ideas on how to build a classy wine storage and tasting area in my house. It's filled with photos and the photography is first-rate. The locations covered are fairly varied--some modern and most traditional, but they all are great. I may not get around to building one for myself, but I appreciate this book.

This book offers the wine lover a voyeuristic peek into thirty of the most extravagant and spectacular wine cellars in the United States. One cannot help but marvel at the grandeur of some of these rooms and the impressive wine collections contained therein. The stories behind the passionate wine collectors and their distinctive cellars is told by James Beard Award-winning wine writer, Alice Feiring, in conjunction with noted interior design and architecture writer, Samantha Nestor. The color photography of Andrew French is stunning and amplified by the large size of this volume. The book is divided into five parts: the Entertaining Pair's Lair, the Gentlemen's Haven, the Sybarite's Sanctuary, the Modernist Refuge, and Urban Retreats and Inspiring Spaces. The size of most of these cellars indicates the zeal with which wine connoisseurs will pursue their collection. While most of the featured cellars royally display 2,000 to 3,000 bottles, more than enough wine for most imbibers, one mind-boggling cellar houses 60,000 bottles of fine wine. Most readers can only dream about having such lavish cellars for their beloved wine collections. The book does not give any estimates of the cost of designing and building these eye-popping wine cellars, but clearly these architectural marvels came at a considerable expense, in some cases exceeding the value of the wines resting inside. This work is a coffee table book at heart that will please those who delight in marveling at what extremes collectors will go to in displaying their beloved wines. It will be particularly appealing to those who find admiration in the creative designs that the owners and artisans display in these distinctive wine cellars. The volume may even stimulate readers to embark on their own wine cellar project.

The most impressive and awe-inspiring private wine cellars in the country are featured in this gem -- the stories, the photos, and of course the wine are spectacular and makes for a great "coffee table book" or conversation piece. This book will make a perfect addition to any wine collector's library --

whether you are looking for ideas for your own cellar or just like to see "how the other half lives." Perfect for the wine lover or those who simply love luxury and elegance.

Great idea-book for the oenophile or beginner who wants to build a cool wine cellar or wine closet. Most of these are pretty aspirational cellars but that's okay, as there are some amazingly clever ideas to be had. Excellent photography and well worth the money.

This book is beautiful! It is a large coffee table book; excellent photography, fine paper. The wine cellars and collections are all very high end; my dream-book. I pick it up and thumb through it at least a couple times a week. For wine lovers this is a must have. I will add that even though these photos and stories are all of high-end private and commercial (mostly private) cellars and collections -- I have gotten many ideas for my small space on how better to show-case my wines and wine accoutrement collections. I have also seen new collections to start... hint to those who enjoy collecting stuff...:)

This is my favourite wine book... so far. Currently designing my own dream wine cellar this book offers exactly what I was looking for. The best of the best in terms of world class design this book offers lots of inspiration! Highly recommend.

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