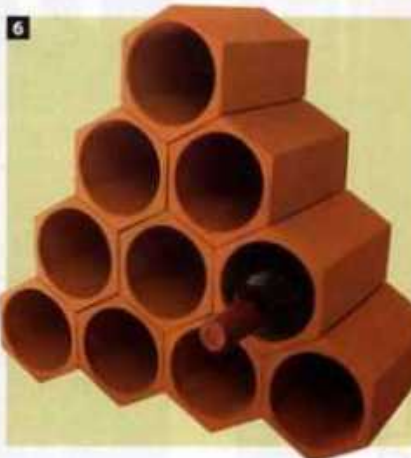
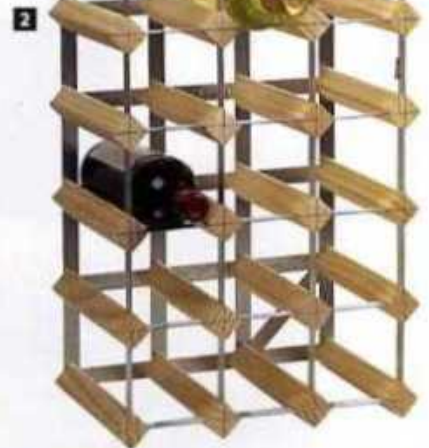


# Wine storage

Wine should be kept in the best conditions to retain its taste and character. With the party season approaching, now's the time to make sure you've got the right place to keep your bottles. If you like good vintages, you'll need to invest in good storage. Choose from these attractive and practical racks and systems to house your collection.



**THINGS TO CONSIDER...**

- Modular wine racks can be built to fill a particular area, such as the space under the stairs, and added to as your collection grows.
- Made-to-measure racks are ideal if you want to convert an unused alcove into a wine store.
- Purpose-made storage cabinets that look similar to refrigerators keep wine at the correct temperature and humidity.
- A pre-fabricated wine cellar, sunk into the ground floor of your home with a trapdoor for access, keeps a large and valuable wine collection in prime condition.
- For champagne, choose a rack with openings large enough to accept the wider bottles.

1 The **Bastide** wine rack in polished or cream painted French oak holds 24 bottles, £950, Fired Earth. 2 This simple, inexpensive **natural or stained wood and galvanised steel** rack comes in various sizes, from £16 for the 12 bottle size, Divertimenti. 3 Display wine in a **floor standing wine rack**. It holds 120 bottles with drawers for accessories, £3,225, Chalon. 4 Serious wine buffs need high-capacity storage. This **self-contained cellar** can hold up to 1,600 bottles. Sunk into the floor of your home, it uses circulating air to control the environment, from £15,000, Spiral Cellars. 5 The **Rangemaster wine cooler** is 864mm high, 606mm wide and 616cm deep, fits under a kitchen worktop and holds up to 50 bottles at the right temperature and humidity, £699. 6 Keep wine cool in this **modular terracotta wine rack**, which has hexagonal modules measuring 19cm deep and 10.5cm across, from £45.99 (plus £4.95 p&p) for a 10-set rack, Weston Mill Pottery. For stockist and contact details turn to page 160