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Wine & Dine

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SCULLERIES AND FANCY PANTRIES are a big deal as of late. I have designed a few that are so pretty they don't even need a door. The more exposed, the better. Typically, they are a mix of closed storage and open shelving used to display "the pretty things." In many cases, these spaces contain a small bar with wine storage and beautiful brass shelves for storing glasses and other items. My one-hundred-year-old house doesn't have such a thing, so I live vicariously through my clients, creating gorgeous designs in smaller spaces to house growing wine collections.

When the owners of this home, the Lucianis, asked me to design an entire wine room, I jumped at the opportunity. The climate-controlled, glassed-in wine space was designed with love by the couple, with help from Steve Shonts of Shonts Wine Cellars. His expertise with walnut shelving and racks gave the family the wine-storage space they had always imagined. When it comes to gorgeous wine-room storage, he is *the* guy.

So why did they need me? Because just outside of those glass doors was the perfect room for entertaining, and we wanted to create a comfortable and moody ambiance that was bright enough for lounging during date nights and evenings with friends. The room is subterranean, so I kept things on the lighter side, although a darker vibe would have worked beautifully, as well.

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Four large chairs, perfect for curling up and relaxing, sit atop a square rug. We mixed in smaller cigar tables and one center table with a drop pendant for a little drama. For added style, an open shelf was included to house a few accessories and books, making this an ideal space for reading and relaxation.

I admit, I am jealous of this designated grown-up escape (*and* this wine collection). Not only do the Lucianis know their wine, but they cook, as well. Entertaining is the name of the game for this family, and they now can do that, and relax, in their elegant new space. 🍷