

# Wine cabinets can be an attractive addition to a home

By Jill Sell

Almost 1.5 billion bottles of wine were sold in the United States in 2009, according to Twin-Star International, the manufacturer of Tresanti Refrigerated Wine Cabinets. Most people don't have the luxury of a walk-in wine cellar, but that shouldn't prohibit anyone from properly storing their wine.

A wine cabinet is a type of furniture that stores wine accessories, including glasses and bottles. Many wine cabinets have a standard-sized space for a cooling system to ensure that the bottles are stored at the proper temperature. Tresanti wine cabinets, for example, feature thermo electric coolers and dual-zone cooling.

Wine needs stable conditions to age properly and to enhance its taste, color and aroma. Many wine experts say that tenants who know that they will change residences frequently may not want to maintain a large wine inventory. But many wine cabinets are attractive additions to a home's décor and don't have to be filled with wine bottles.

Dan Geller, owner of Fish Furniture,

normally carries six popular styles of Howard Miller Total Home wine cabinets in the showrooms of his two stores in Mayfield Heights and North Olmsted. The Howard Miller company has been known for its finely-crafted grandfather clocks and curio cabinets, and it now produces wine cabinets, as well. Geller said that the manufacturer's products represent "the best value in the industry for a gorgeous piece of furniture," and they are the "nicest and highest fashion wine cabinets in the industry."

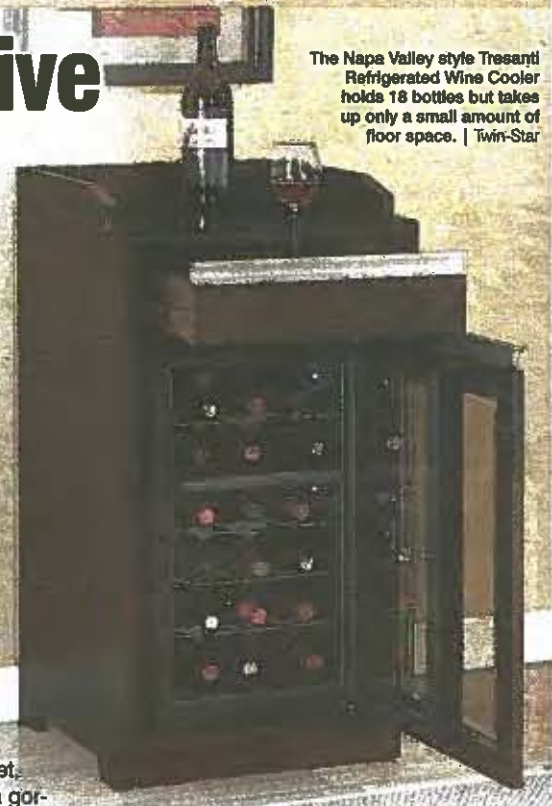
The wine cabinets are available in many sizes and 20 styles, but Geller favors the smaller and mid-sized cabinets that can be used "as a portable bar in even a small room."

One of the best for a smaller rental space is Potters Creek, a 70-x-18-x-14 inch cabinet that looks at home in many interior designs and holds 21 bottles. Geller also likes the 30-inch wide cabinets that fit nicely under windows. For more information about Howard Miller wine cabinets, visit [www.howardmiller.com](http://www.howardmiller.com).

Basista Furniture in Parma also offers several wine/martini bar cabinets that are available through its Pulaski Furniture line. For more information, visit [www.pulaskifurniture.com](http://www.pulaskifurniture.com).

When selecting a wine cabinet, tenants should consider size and purpose. Do you want a cabinet just for glasses or do you need a cooling unit, as well? How many bottles of wine will be stored? What about future needs? Can the cabinet be easily and safely moved into your rental home? If you buy a cabinet with a cooling unit, can it be replaced with the same or another brand if necessary?

"When you close a wine cabinet, everything is totally hidden. It is a gorgeous, nice way to store glasses and bottles," said Geller. "And you don't have to worry about wine staining the cabinet if it is a quality piece of furniture. Howard Miller cabinets all have a protective lacquer



The Napa Valley style Tresanti Refrigerated Wine Cooler holds 18 bottles but takes up only a small amount of floor space. | Twin-Star

finish. You wouldn't want a puddle of water to sit there all night long. But if you clean it up with a sponge, you won't hurt it."

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