

Romantic Impressions

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According to interior designer Zoe Compton, who recently relocated from Aspen to Gonzales, Texas, a wine room needs to have a flair of the romantic. It should also be accessible and impress at first glance with beautiful entry doors. After remodeling the main residence, the client of this project decided to add a guest suite with a wine cellar. An avid international wine collector, the client's only requirement was the room must hold 500 bottles of wine. Compton was given a *carte blanche* when it came to the design.

Height, size of bins, beauty, concealed refrigeration systems, and proper ventilation were all taken into consideration by Compton. Also of importance was that the space not be too dark and would have at least a counter or table where two people could sit and have a glass of wine. A neutral palette was used to showcase the wine and stone floors and walls keep the room cool. Essential to a romantic feel, Compton paid particular attention to the lighting, which can be controlled by a dimmer. She suggests recessed lighting, soffits, chandeliers, and even candles to create that desired romantic impression. Music was piped in to add to the mood of the room.

Exceeding requirements, the finished wine room can store 1000 bottles. Surpassing expectations, the client cried with joy upon the completed project and proceeded to christen it with a party that very night.

