

vin de garde cellar systems

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CANADA'S FIRST CUSTOM WINE CELLAR SHOWROOM, DESIGN CENTRE AND WINE STORAGE FACILITY OPENS

Vin de Garde's 3,000 sq ft wine cellar facility in Vancouver gives architects and wine collectors access to a custom wine cellar showroom and design space, a wine tasting room, and soon a storage cellar for more than 60,000 bottles of wine.

VANCOUVER, BC CANADA – AUGUST 22, 2008 – Vin de Garde Cellar Systems today opened Canada's first wine cellar showroom and design centre in response to the growing demand from architects, restaurants and wine collectors for custom wine storage solutions.

Vin de Garde's owner, Billy Carpenter, said, "More and more people are becoming interested in collecting and appreciating fine wines, and they want to store their wines appropriately – not only to preserve them, but also to showcase them in way that reflects the quality of the wines themselves. Our showroom and design centre lets people develop a wine storage solution tailored exactly to their wants and needs – everything from a basic wine fridge for 50 bottles of wine to an intricate custom wood cellar, capable of housing thousands of bottles."

Vin de Garde is the only wine cellar manufacturer in Canada to employ a certified sommelier as well as an interior designer to advise on the design and construction of their custom wine rooms. The company is a member of BC Wood, a not-for-profit trade association dedicated to growing BC's secondary wood-products manufacturing industry. They focus on offering cellars designed to suit the client's collection and built from a variety of materials including local and imported sustainable wood products.

Over the years, Vin de Garde has built wine cellars for restaurants in Canada and the US, including Lumiere, Brix and Marinaside Provence in Vancouver, Schooner Restaurant in Tofino, and Kiyomizu Restaurant in Beverley Hills, California. They have also created cellars for housing developments including The Argyle and The Properties in West Vancouver and The Resort at Copper Point in Invermere, as well as for private homes – on one occasion to house more than 12,000 bottles of wine.

The new showroom and design centre covers more than 3000 sq ft, including 1000 sq ft of showroom and design space and a 600 sq ft tasting room for private wine tastings, wine education events and cellar consultations. The wine storage cellar has more than 15,000 cubic feet of cellar space, capable of storing more than 60,000 bottles of wine for collectors in a secure, temperature-controlled environment – either permanently or temporarily while Vin de Garde build a collector's cellar.

"Fine wine is an investment that can increase in value if stored properly. Now, anyone can bring detailed blueprints to us, or just an idea, and we'll sit down with them to find the best way to store and display their wine," said Carpenter. "The showroom contains complete, to-scale wine cellars, sample wine storage racking systems and design technologies to illustrate how their wine cellar will take shape."

For more information, visit www.vindegarde.ca.

About Vin de Garde Cellar Systems

Vin de Garde specializes in custom wine cellar design and construction to create unique showcases for fine wine collections. The company's showroom in Vancouver contains full-scale examples of a wide range of their exclusive products, modular racking systems, and cabinetry and wine storage appliances.

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