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International Builder' Show Product Preview: Vinotemp Walk-In Wine Vault



If you're a serious wine collector

whose sizable cellar features rare gems like the 1993 Screaming Eagle (\$3,000-plus for a single bottle), you'll want to be sure your wine doesn't degrade while you're away on vacation. The <u>Vinotemp</u> Walk-In Wine Vault, will send an alert to your cell phone should a temperature change take place in the 1,500-bottle unit which, costs \$20,000.

The Vinotemp's software is designed to upload your inventory onto your personal computer and track it by vintage, country of origin, and location on the racks inside the vault. The unit adds good looks to its brains, featuring a brushed-aluminum exterior, glass windows and doors, and redwood racks. So while you might want to place the vault in the basement, it's handsome enough to go near a living area—where your bottles will always be close at hand.

Essential information: Not ready to invest in a walk-in wine vault? A <u>wine refrigerator or wine chiller</u> might be a better option. And to help add to your collection, read our <u>expert coverage of wines</u>.