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7 Best Wine Fridges of 2024

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If you're looking for the best wine fridge for your needs, you'll first and foremost want one that can keep wines at a stable temperature to keep them from evolving too fast. This is the main function of wine fridges (sometimes called wine coolers): a consistently cool – but not cold – temperature. They work similarly to most standard refrigerators with a compressor system and a refrigerant (a chemical that produces a cooling effect), which is pushed through coils to keep the fridge cool. Some operate slightly differently using a thermoelectric method, which removes heat from the fridge chamber. Our best wine fridges list includes options for wine lovers with various preferences and budgets.

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Best Overall

Wine Enthusiast 32-Bottle Dual Zone MAX Co...



PROS:

CONS:

- ✓

Offers two temperature zones
- ✗

Cannot be built into counters
- ✓

Features removable racks and tinted window

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Reviewers and wine professionals routinely praise Wine Enthusiast’s various wine refrigerators: “They’re curated by a group that is into wine so there’s no question that they’re paying attention to what the wine needs,” says Michele Thomas, sommelier and general manager of The Greene Grape Wine & Spirits in Brooklyn, New York.

The 32-Bottle Dual Zone MAX Compressor Wine Cooler, in particular, hits the sweet spot when it comes to having great design and features for a fairly approachable price. With two temperature zones (one warmer, one cooler), it allows for long- and short-term storage in a relatively compact unit. Noise-sensitive wine collectors will also appreciate that it operates almost silently.

The extra features are useful and not gimmicky, such as tinted windows to protect your bottles from light and adjustable shelves for nonstandard wine bottles. Plus, the warranty is a bit more generous than the one-year that’s common among competitors: It’s one year for parts but three for the refrigeration system.

With a capacity of 32 bottles (some have suggested you can squeeze a few extras in it), it’s not ideal for more involved wine collectors, however. Plus, as a freestanding appliance, you’ll need to allow 2 to 4 inches of space around it for ventilation, although this is a common requirement for wine fridges.

Specs:

Price:	\$499.00
Dimensions:	19.5 inches W x 16.9 inches D x 33.4 inches H
Capacity:	32 bottles

Zones:

2

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Best Value

Arctic King Premium 34 Bottle Wine Cooler »



PROS:

- ✓ Large capacity for the price tag
- ✓ Neutral design with reversible door
- ✓ Fairly quiet motor

CONS:

- ✗ Shelves aren't adjustable
- ✗ Struggles to keep stable temperatures

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If you’re aiming for a wine cooler for less than \$200, you’ll generally be looking at appliances with a capacity of as little as six bottles, but that’s not the case with this Arctic King unit, which is produced by Chinese company Midea. It stores 34 bottles and should be able to reach all standard temperatures for wine storage: high for reds and low for sparkling. The black design isn’t overly fancy compared to others on this list, but it’s pleasantly neutral and functional with features like a reversible door (granting you more freedom in where to place the fridge) and LED lighting to see your bottles without opening the door. Shoppers have also noted that it operates fairly quietly, too.

Since this is a budget appliance, its temperature control isn’t on par with that of higher-end models. Some buyers have noted that it’s not the best at maintaining a stable temperature, so serious wine collectors with high-end bottles may want to go with other fridges, especially if they’re looking for a long-term storage option where stable temperatures are key. But considering its affordable price and excellent performance, this model is still a great bet.

Specs:

Price:	\$199.00
Dimensions:	18.9 inches W x 17.3 inches D x 33.1 inches H
Capacity:	34 bottles
Zones:	1

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Best Compact

Wine Enthusiast 6-Bottle Wine Cooler »

**PROS:**

- ✓ Low price
- ✓ Quiet thermoelectric motor that uses little energy
- ✓ Lightweight with a stylish black and silver design

CONS:

- ✗ Temperature can't go as low as some models
- ✗ Can only hold six bottles

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For those with a small wine collection or just a handful of special bottles to store, this pint-size fridge does the job. It's small enough to fit comfortably on a countertop, and it's easy to move around with a weight of 9 pounds. Expert sommeliers stand by Wine Enthusiast as one of the best brands out there for wine refrigerators, and this one upholds that reputation with an easy-to-use touch screen and temperature display and thoughtful design features like removable shelves, which come in handy if you're storing any large or unusually shaped bottles. Reviewers have also noted its super-quiet operation thanks to its energy-efficient thermoelectric motor.

One downside is that this cooler has a limited temperature range that can only go down to 46 degrees Fahrenheit. (Many wine fridges can go down to the lower 40s.) However, it still covers the temperature zones for storing most wines, but if you’re planning to use it for storing sparkling wine before serving, it might not hit the right mark.

Specs:

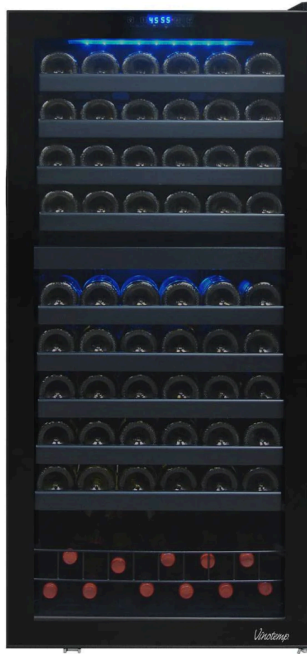
Price:	\$149.00
Dimensions:	9.8 inches W x 19.9 inches D x 14.9 inches H
Capacity:	6 bottles
Zones:	1

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Best High-Capacity

Vinotemp 110 Bottle Dual-Zone Touch Screen ...

**PROS:**

- ✓ Can hold 110 bottles of wine
- ✓ Offers two temperature zones
- ✓ Features a security lock

CONS:

- ✗ Expensive
- ✗ Heavy

[Buy From Best Buy](#)

Larger wine coolers tend to be more expensive, and finding reliable coolers that can fit more than 100 bottles for less than \$1,000 (or even \$1,500) is a tall order. So, while it's an investment, the Vinotemp 110 Bottle fridge is a good deal for more serious collectors who would like to avoid spending thousands of dollars on storage. Buyers have indicated that it holds its temperatures well, making it suitable for long-term storage.

It's packed with useful features, too. It's split into two storage zones with space for 44 bottles in one and 66 in the other, allowing you to separate whites and reds (or other varieties) as desired. Plus, the cooler has a lock on it to keep your collection secure, and the shelves can be adjusted to accommodate larger bottles.

With a modern design of black steel (including both the exterior and the racks inside) and glass, those with an eye for contemporary style will appreciate the aesthetic of this fridge. The interior looks stylish with the blue LED lighting, although this may not suit all interior design tastes.

Specs:

Price:	\$1,699.00
Dimensions:	23.5 inches W x 26.8 inches D x 51.7 inches H
Capacity:	110 bottles
Zones:	2

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Best Dual-Zone

Kalamera 24 Inch Under Counter Built-In Wine...

**PROS:**

- ✓ Can fit under a counter
- ✓ Operates quietly with minimal vibration
- ✓ Features a lock and ultraviolet (UV) protection

CONS:

- ✗ Pricey for the size
- ✗ Awkward to store sparkling wine and larger bottles

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This Kalamera wine fridge is a powerhouse in a small package. With room for around 46 bottles, it's still small and narrow enough to fit under kitchen counters. While it might not take up excess space, it still offers useful features. For example, there are smooth beechwood shelves that have the bonus effect of reducing vibrations, which preserves the quality of your wine by stopping sediment from being stirred up in the bottles. UV protection on the glass door will help your wine age without any interference from light. A lock protects it, and it also operates quietly so it's not a disturbance to have in your living space. It has two temperature zones: a smaller section up top for whites and a larger one below for reds.

Some reviewers have noted that fitting 46 bottles in this appliance is a challenge, and while you can remove shelves for extra storage, you'll forfeit some of that precious space.

Specs:

Price:	\$799.00
Dimensions:	23.4 inches W x 22.4 inches D x 33 inches H
Capacity:	46 bottles
Zones:	2

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Best for Different Bottle Sizes

Eurocave La Premiere S Wine Cellar »



PROS:

- ✓ Quiet
- ✓ Removable and adjustable shelves
- ✓ Excellent temperature control

CONS:

- ✗ Expensive
- ✗ Limited space for the price

Buy From Wine Enthusiast

Eurocave is a highly respected maker of wine fridges, but its products don't come cheap with the Eurocave La Premiere S being no exception at \$2,295. However, the brand is popular among high-end hospitality establishments, and critics indicate that you can expect the appliance to last a long time.

The Premiere S is one of Eurocave's smaller appliances with room for close to 100 bottles. Keep in mind that it can only fit this many bottles when all of its shelves are removed. With the shelves in, it can store closer to 50 bottles. In any case, it's a great choice for eclectic wine collections with champagnes, magnums, and nonstandard bottles, as the shelves can be both removed and adjusted to customize the cooler quite precisely.

In terms of design and function, expect a high-quality unit. The Premiere S has a reputation for holding its temperature very well while operating quietly and efficiently. It also comes with a generous warranty of five years on its refrigeration unit (one year on the cooler's other parts).

Specs:

Price:	\$2,295.00
Dimensions:	26.8 inches W x 28.3 inches D x 37.8 inches H
Capacity:	50-98 bottles
Zones:	1

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Best for Energy Efficiency

Ivation 28 Bottle Freestanding Wine Refrigerat...



PROS:

- ✓ Affordable
- ✓ Energy-efficient
- ✓ Adjustable storage
- ✓ Protection against vibration and UV light

CONS:

- ✗ Not great for larger collections
- ✗ Slightly loud compressor system for cooling

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If you're hoping to strike the right balance of affordable and energy-efficient, Ivation's 28 Bottle Freestanding Wine Refrigerator is a winner. It's just less than \$400 and has robust features to keep your wine chilled and protected as it ages. For example, it has double-paned glass (which also helps it run

efficiently) with UV protection against light that can damage wines. It also doesn't vibrate, which is another plus for wine storage.

The shelving is not overly tight and can be adjusted or removed for larger bottles. You'll also keep costs down with its energy-efficient operation. The stainless steel design of this cooler is pleasantly neutral with straightforward and easy-to-use digital controls, and it features gentle LED lights.

With room for a maximum of 28 bottles, size is a potential drawback here, as it's therefore not ideal for avid wine collectors. Plus, some reviewers have suggested that the cooler can be a little noisy as a result of its compressor refrigeration system and fan.

Specs:

Price:	\$389.99
Dimensions:	16.9 inches W x 17.7 inches D x 33.1 inches H
Capacity:	28 bottles
Zones:	1

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The Bottom Line

Shopping for a wine fridge can involve trade-offs, so know what you need going in. As coolers' capacities go up, so do their prices. So if you need to store 100-plus bottles, know that there's a slim chance of getting a quality appliance for only a few hundred dollars. Extra features will often push prices up, too, although the correlation isn't quite so strong. [Jordan Salcito](#), an award-winning sommelier and founder of spritz company Drink Ramona, advises shoppers not to worry about extra "gadgets"

on a wine fridge and to instead make sure the model you're buying does the basics right: "You want it to store wine horizontally, you want it to have humidity [control], and be able to set it at the temperature that you want." (Horizontal storage is important for keeping corks moist and preventing oxidation.)

Things To Consider When Buying Wine Fridges

Capacity: Wine fridges come in a wide range of capacities from tiny units for a half dozen bottles up to giant appliances for 100-plus wines, and larger fridges are typically more expensive. If you're looking to store just a few special bottles, a small device may suffice, but for bigger collections (or people who are planning to expand their collection), you'll need something with more space. If money is no object, bigger is probably better. However, if you're on a budget or you have a small living space that can't fit a big appliance, this may require some compromise. For example, you may choose to only store your finest wines in the wine fridge and store fewer bottles (or bottles you plan to drink imminently) elsewhere. Lastly, if you need to store wines that come in larger-than-average bottles (for example, magnums) or unconventionally shaped bottles, you'll need to look for a fridge that is either designed to accommodate such sizes or can be rearranged to make space for them.

Temperature Range and Zones: The ideal temperature for storing wine varies depending on the type of wine. For serving, red wines are typically stored at 55 to 65 degrees Fahrenheit, while whites should be stored at 45 to 55 degrees Fahrenheit. Sparkling wines and dessert wines should be stored at slightly cooler temperatures. Fortunately, if you're shopping for a wine fridge, the vast majority of appliances on the market can operate at any of these temperatures. In short, the ability of a wine fridge to hit the right temperature isn't generally an issue.

Things get more complex if your wine collection is varied or if you're looking to use a wine fridge to store your bottles on both a short- and long-term basis. If this is the case, you may want a dual-zone fridge, meaning a device that has two sections that are kept at two different temperatures – for example, 55 degrees for long-term storage (of any wine) and 45 degrees for storing white wine that you plan to serve soon. Dual-zone wine fridges tend to be larger and more expensive, and it's even possible to buy three- or four-zone fridges, although prices can be very high for

these. For amateurs with small collections, dual zones may not be so necessary, says Michele Thomas of [The Greene Grape](#). "I think this is for the more serious collector, [for] if you want to really have your wines at this perfect serving temperature at all times."

Humidity Control: As with temperature, you'll want to ensure the humidity level of your fridge is optimal for storing wine, especially for longer periods of time. If there's not enough humidity, "the corks will dry out and fall apart," Thomas explains. This can make it difficult to open the bottle or cause pieces of cork to drop into the wine.

Lack of humidity can also create a leak in the cork, failing to protect it from oxygen and affecting the taste. "Humidity will keep the cork moist, which then creates a better seal between that cork and the wine so that you don't have any leakage," Salcito says. On the other hand, an environment that's too humid can lead to mold growth.

Generally, the recommended relative humidity (RH) falls roughly between 50% and 80%. When shopping for a wine fridge, you'll want to look for a model that's able to maintain a humidity level somewhere in this range. This may come in the form of an automatic detection system that monitors the moisture in the fridge, adjusting it as needed. In other cases, users may be able to manually control the humidity.

Design: There's a range of design factors – both aesthetic and practical – to consider when buying a wine fridge. As with many appliances, the look of a wine fridge can vary from sleek and modern with a metal finish to funky and colorful to a more classic wooden finish. Choosing between these varied styles is generally a question of taste rather than functionality.

Beyond aesthetics, there are other design features that shoppers might want in a wine fridge. For example, wooden shelves inside the fridge can prevent your wine from vibrating in storage (as compared to wire shelves), which helps it keep better. Adjustable or removable shelves may also be important if you're storing nonstandard wine bottles. If you're storing particularly valuable wines or have children in the house, a fridge with a lock or some kind of security system might be a plus. It's also possible to buy smart wine fridges that connect to Wi-Fi and work with an app.

A lot of these are unnecessary extras that come with a steep cost, but according to Thomas, two features are worth the splurge: UV protection and tinting on the

windows. These features will protect your wines, she notes, to keep them stable: “You want to make sure that where you're keeping your wine is relatively dark, so it doesn't get too much contact with the sun going through the glass.”

While not so much an added extra, noise-sensitive buyers may want to pay attention to the cooling system, as a fridge with a compressor system will be louder than one with a thermoelectric system.

Installation Type: Similar to a [regular refrigerator](#), consumers can choose between freestanding and built-in wine fridges. Freestanding fridges are exactly what they sound like. They're wine fridges that stand alone, either on the floor or on a countertop for smaller models. However, you may need to pay attention to their placement. If a freestanding wine fridge cools itself with a compressor system, it may require a certain amount of space behind the fridge or on its side(s) for ventilation so it doesn't overheat. (The manufacturer's instructions should provide precise information about this.)

Built-in wine fridges are designed to be smoothly fitted into your kitchen cabinets or another similar storage area. There are also “integrated” wine fridges, which are mostly the same except that the fridge door is also covered by the cabinet. This type of wine fridge tends to cost more than its freestanding counterparts, and you may also need to pay a professional to install them.

Energy Efficiency: There are a few factors that can make a wine fridge more energy-efficient. Of the two common cooling systems in these appliances, the thermoelectric system is generally more efficient and quieter than the compressor system. However, if your living space is quite warm or if its temperature varies a lot, thermoelectric systems may not work so well. Wine fridges that use LED lighting instead of bulbs are more energy-efficient, as are fridges that have extra layers of glass on the windows to keep the cool air in.

It's also possible to take a few steps to help a wine fridge operate more efficiently. Situating the fridge in a cooler room will generally help it use less energy. Try to avoid opening the fridge door frequently as well, as this will let cool air out and force the appliance's motor to work harder. Unfortunately for shoppers, Energy Star, which certifies energy-efficient refrigerators, does not yet formally certify appliances like wine fridges, which makes these devices' efficiency harder to measure, although some carry informal measurements.

How We Chose the Best Wine Fridges

At U.S. News 360 Reviews, we consulted with experts, including Michele Thomas, sommelier and general manager of Brooklyn-based wine and spirits store The Greene Grape, and Jordan Salcito, an award-winning sommelier and founder of spritz company Drink Ramona, to curate this list. We also consulted professional reviews from both mainstream and industry publications, conducting both quantitative and qualitative analyses.

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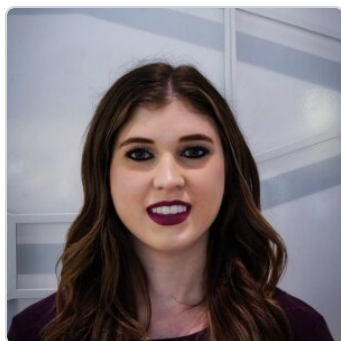
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