Installing a Spiral Cellar into a furnished room.

Charlie Southall is a successful film director who, having travelled the globe in the course of his job, had acquired not just a taste for wines from around the world, but a really rather sizeable collection.

It got to the point that having sent so many cases of wine back from his travels, Charlie had run out of storage space and was stacking them in every available nook and cranny in his house.

With storage space having run out and no area to convert into a dedicated wine room, Charlie could either get rid of some of the wine (unthinkable!) or move to a new house to accommodate his passion - an expensive undertaking.





'I had moved into my house a few years earlier and taken a lot of trouble getting it to look the way I wanted it to. I was understandably nervous that digging a great big hole in the centre of my living room would create collateral damage to the rest of the room, particularly to the wooden floor.

My heart was in my mouth when installation began, but now that it's finished, I can honestly say it was a doddle. I didn't even need to paint the room afterwards.

The team were in and out in a few days, took great care of my property and when I had to suddenly hop on a plane, not only did they carry on with the installation in my absence, but they were happy to look after the cat!"



The installation process.

Step 1: Preparation and protection



The client has chosen to install the cellar in their open plan kitchen diner – the space is cleared and ready to go. Door frames are wrapped with foam padding and any furniture, lighting etc is fully protected in plastic before work commences.

Step 2: Excavation



There is minimum disruption when installing a Spiral Cellar. The team excavates a hole in the room, two to three metres deep. They do so by hand which keeps noisy machinery off site – and the neighbours happy.

Step 3: Securing the structure



The hole is fitted with steel shuttering rings to give the cellar structure.

Step 4: Waterproofing



In turn, the ring is then lined with a robust waterproof liner.

Step 5: Installation



The cellar construction is then completed using Spiral Cellars' uniquely designed modular system of interlocking concrete bins and steps.

Step 6: Final finishes



Additional items such as stair treads and LED packages are fitted to enhance the design and make the cellar a stunning feature in the room. The door is then carefully fitted and protected while the floor in the room is carefully re-laid and finished around the Spiral Cellar. Here the client has chosen a hinged round glass door.

Step 7: Completed cellar



With the installation complete, the cellar is ready to be filled with wine and enjoyed.

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