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## Wine Cellar Extravaganza

Bearfoot Bistro, located in Whistler, BC, offers visitors a recently updated wine cellar. Fourteen feet below ground, the cellar occupies 1,500 square feet of space, 1,000 square feet larger than its predecessor.

Now, in lieu of valet parked SUVs in the former underground car park, there are 20,000 bottles stationed, including 2,100 wines and 100 different champagnes. For Bearfoot Bistro owner, André Saint Jacques, the cellar is a repository for his collection of First Growth Bordeaux resting alongside bottles of Mouton.

The cellar, 20 feet at its widest, is used for private wine tastings and subterranean dinner parties. Yet for sommelier, Oli Bureau, the extra space means each bottle can be showcased on the cellar's wall, enhancing the organization, efficiency and display of wine. At 13 degrees Celsius and with no outside light influences, heating blankets help to keep diners warm.

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