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Two guys, some wine, and an old meat plant

The new San Francisco Wine Center offers stash spots for the cellar-less

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Talk about a drink-fueled triple threat: The newly opened San Francisco Wine Center offers red-, white-, and pink-obsessed members storage, retail sales, and tasting rooms. The 12,000-square-foot space, a former meat plant, was revamped by contractor Ron Taylor (whose clients include the Slanted Door) and boasts 250 storage lockers. Partners Paolo Mancini (above, right) and Brian McGonigle say wine is a passion for them, not a casual hobby, and they saw a need for a place where people with any level of wine experience could enjoy themselves without feeling intimidated. Plans are in the works for tastings and classes. And if you stumble on a petit verdot that knocks your socks off during a Wine Center session, you can buy a case right then and stash it in your locker for later. 757 Bryant St., S.F., 415-655-7300, sanfranciscowinecenter.com

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