

STAG'S LEAP WINE CELLARS

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LOCATION: NAPA VALLEY . CALIFORNIA . USA

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The extraordinary quality of wine produced by this family must be reflected in a unique architectural complex. The client became extremely involved with the architect in developing the proposal. This collaboration forged a firm friendship between Warren Winiarski, his son Stephen and Javier Barba, and the result was a balanced and impressive project among the large trees and existing rocks.

One objective was to define the finishes of the two areas that can be found in the underground path: the Round Room, crowned with a large vault and located in the intersection of several tunnels and the Great Room, where special guests are received. The wine cellar also has five entrances or different doorways. The project was to present a solution for each of them, but with a common architectural idea that would link them.

The Arcade, a porch-series of arches that connects, communicates and enables visitors to be under shelter throughout the entire route. The design unifies and frames the two access doors to the wine cellar, leading to the Great Room, the library and the adjacent area to the kitchen for events. Behind these rooms a labyrinth of tunnels can be accessed, the junction of which is the Round Room, where a Foucault pendulum recalls the passage of time.
