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These three projects earned CotY gold awards

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So much planning, so many decisions go into every home remodel — as these three 2016 CotY winners show.





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Category: Basement over \$100,000
Winner (gold): MA Peterson Design Build

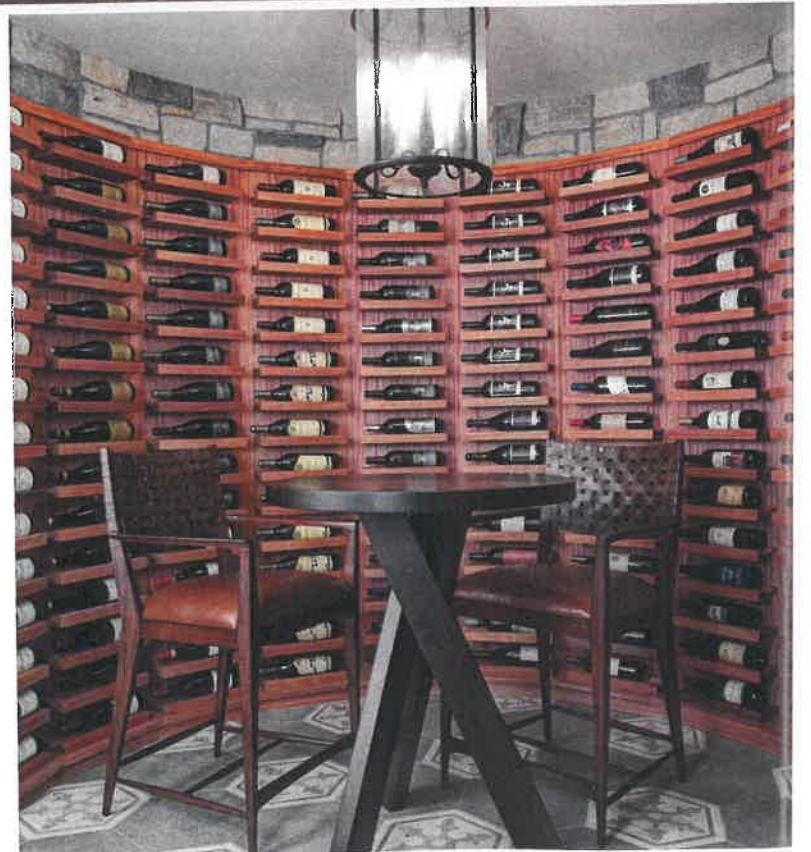
MA Peterson wrote: “A complete transformation of the entire lower level resulted in a new destination for entertaining and everyday living.”

The transformation of this family’s home began previously: “MA Peterson did phase one — their main floor, including a new kitchen, mudroom and powder bath, plus a ‘refresh/repair’ of the rest of the main floor back in 2011 as part of the Builder’s Association of the Twin Cities’ Fall Remodelers’ Showcase.”

This CotY award relates to the next phase: “The second phase of the home’s master plan ... began as a totally unfinished, stud-only space.”

The re-imagined basement is as finished — and luxurious — as it is possible for a home’s lower level to become.

“Once entering from the stairwell with the custom wrought-iron staircase, you will be invited to hang out in many cozy living spaces:





“One wing of the lower level welcomes with a private workout room, reading area with built-in shelving and full bathroom featuring a zero-clearance shower (which means no curb to step over) and Carrara marble throughout. This sleek, contemporary style bathroom is a great contrast to the warm tones throughout the rest of the lower level.

“The spacious family room and bar area on the opposite end of the lower level — complete with custom cabinetry and furniture, a full-height wine fridge and a natural stone bar — were designed specifically for gathering and entertaining.

“The wine cellar — a unique room secluded from the main room by a quaint hallway — is a circular space with beautiful mahogany wine racks, custom cabinetry, wave-like shelving, porcelain tile flooring, and natural stone walls ... all perfectly complementing the collection of 195 specialty bottles.”

Form as well as function were considered in this remodel.

“Stone work, built-in custom cabinetry, wine cellar with wrought iron door and wave-like shelving, iron stairwell, heated floors and wood beams give the new lower level space a European flair and personality.

“Warm gray-tone millwork, incorporated wood beams and heated floors throughout provide a wonderful balance of European feel and modern decor that ties each unique space together in this beautiful lower level remodel.

“... Although each space has a different function, the custom finishes and unique design elements — as well as the heated floors and consistent look throughout — create a complete feel overall.”