

## Professional wine storage in Paris

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David Rayer, French air-traffic controller and true *amateur de vin* (he is involved at Grains Nobles, the wine school set up in Paris by wine writer Michel Bettane), sent the following recommendations for wine storage in Paris. He pointed out that some people suggest that cellars in central Paris may suffer from vibration caused by the metro, although Au Bonheur du Vin (see below) specifically refute this for their cellar, in a phrase which makes it all sound very peaceful: *Nous garantissons le repos complet du vin.*

For Au Bonheur du Vin and Les Caves de Marly, full details of storage conditions and charges can be found on their websites, though you will need to speak French. However, Les Caves Bourdin (just to the west of Paris) has no website so you'll need to phone.

### Au Bonheur du Vin

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75001 Paris  
tel +33 (0)1 42 72 10 02  
fax +33 (0)1 42 72 17 10  
[info@aubonheurduvin.fr](mailto:info@aubonheurduvin.fr)  
[www.aubonheurduvin.fr](http://www.aubonheurduvin.fr)

Au Bonheur du Vin offers a really fast delivery service in Paris and the suburbs - within three hours of your call or e-mail, you can have your bottles delivered, though I don't suppose this service is particularly cheap.

### La Cave

4 Impasse Cesselin  
75011 Paris  
tel +33 (0)1 40 09 20 20  
[contact@lacave-web.com](mailto:contact@lacave-web.com)  
[www.lacave-web.com](http://www.lacave-web.com)

The website does not offer much information at the moment but they did reply very swiftly to a message sent via their site. They have been going since 1999 and conditions are temperature- and humidity-controlled. They offer individual spaces (*emplacements individuels*) that can hold 72 bottles or *des boîtes* (lock-up units) that take 400 or 800 bottles. The following monthly tariffs include insurance and on-line access and you can opt a higher level of insurance cover at an additional premium:

19.70€ one space, 37.30€ for 2, etc.  
97€ for a small (400-bottle) *boîte*, 172€ for the bigger (800-bottle) version.

### Les Caves Bourdin

12 av de la Drionne  
78380 Bougival  
Yvelines  
tel +33 (0)1 39 69 00 06  
fax +33 (0)1 30 82 02 20

Wine is stored in containers, and you just pick up the key for your container at reception. They've just built a new cellar but there is still a long waiting list. It is not easy to get a firm price but they quoted about 500 euros per year (excluding VAT) for a 1000-bottle cellar.

### Les Caves de Marly

29 bis Route de Versailles  
78560 Port-Marly  
tel +33 (0)1 39 17 04 00  
fax +33 (0)1 39 16 11 73  
[cavesmarly@wanadoo.fr](mailto:cavesmarly@wanadoo.fr)

[www.carredesfeuillants.fr/rubriques/cestaussi/marly/marly.html](http://www.carredesfeuillants.fr/rubriques/cestaussi/marly/marly.html)

You do not have personal access to your cellar, as the bottles are stored in small plastic boxes within a bigger open area and you have to give two days' notice before you take or collect wine. They also expect you to provide a spreadsheet with all the wine details when you want to add them to your cellar and pay every time you add or remove wine.

Prices (including VAT) per year are currently:

115 euros for up to 240 bottles

170 euros for up to 360

270 euro for up to 600

375 euros for up to 840

460 euros for up to 1080

Handling charges for addition to, or removal from, your stock are 0.50 euros per bottle (or 0.30 euros per bottle if cases are unmixed) with a minimum charge of 5 euros.

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