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The Sipping News: First look at the San Francisco Wine Center

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Clubs and restaurants are popular places to meet and hang out with friends. Could a wine-related social center be the next big thing? Brian McGonigle and Paolo Mancini expect their **San Francisco Wine Center** to be a happening place. It combines 230 secure, climate-controlled individual wine storage lockers of varying sizes with an intimate tasting room, and a small wine lounge featuring a state-of-the-art kitchen.

The wine storage lockers range from \$75 to \$450 monthly and can store up to 400 cases. Members have priority booking of the lounge area - perfect for wine-pairing dinners and private tastings- and discounts on space rental and tasting events are also included with membership.

San Francisco Wine Center, 757 Bryant St. (between Fifth and Sixth streets), San Francisco; (415) 655-7300. Open Mon.-Fri 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat. noon-7 p.m. For more information, sanfranciscowinecenter.com.

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