

Entry #3757

Residential Interior Over \$150,000

Project Summary

Objectives:

- Create an “uber modern” aesthetic in the kitchen, family room and wine room utilizing contemporary fixtures, convenient storage, eye-popping red and high-contrast colors, all while providing an overall dramatic “wow factor” for homeowners who are avid chefs and entertain frequently
- Connect and unify the previously separate Kitchen and Family Room into one large entertaining area
- Increase size of Kitchen
- Add refrigerated Wine Room

Design Features

- High-gloss cabinets
 - Glass display drawers in island
 - Organized storage in cabinets
- Contemporary appliances and plumbing fixtures
- Back-painted red glass backsplash
- Stunning display wall in wine room
- LED lighting: recessed, decorative and integral cabinet lighting

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

CLIENTS' EXPRESSED NEEDS / PROBLEMS:

- **OVERALL: Disjointed, compartmentalized floor plan** of kitchen/bar/wine storage/family room-entertaining areas on three levels. Billiard table was unused.
- Kitchen was **too small** for avid/active family chefs.
- Worn and **outdated** cabinetry and appliances **were failing**. Pantry and storage were **inefficient**.
- Countertops **stained easily** and **looked dirty**.
- Bar was **uninspired** and **shabby**.
- **Unightly**, utilitarian wine storage in hall closet **didn't accommodate** owners' collection.

FUNCTIONAL ENHANCEMENTS / SOLUTIONS:

- **CREATIVE SPACE-PLANNING: Raise the Kitchen floor** to be on one level. Relocate two steps to the Kitchen opening at the Hall, and two steps between Kitchen and the Family Room. Add strip lighting to all stair treads for safety. Move the informal dining area.
- **Open the Family Room** to the new, **larger Kitchen**.
- Maximize all perimeter walls with efficient and **contemporary cabinetry**, including back-to-back cabinetry between the Kitchen and Family Room (for book collection). Efficient **internal storage features**.
- Install **multiple ovens, high-quality refrigeration, pro cooktop, teppanyaki grill**.
- **Bright, durable** Caesarstone & Silestone countertops in two colors.
- Bar with **new appliances**, and **movable free-standing table** for seating or bartending.
- **Stunning** new **refrigerated wine room** holds 698 bottles. Glass doors make viewing easy.

AESTHETICS:

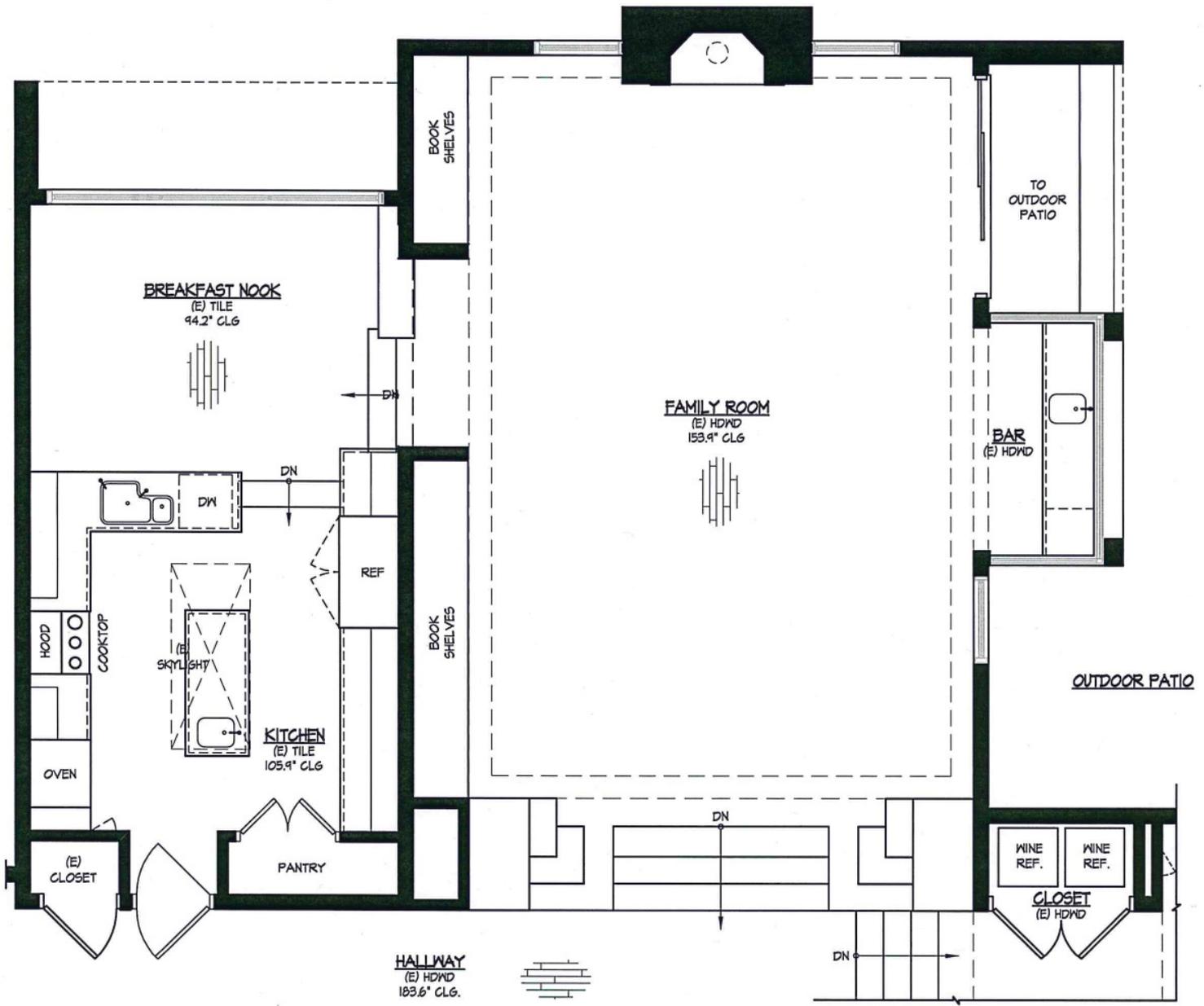
- Ultra-Contemporary, high-gloss cabinets, integrated appliances, eye-popping red and high-contrast colors provide an overall dramatic, contemporary **"wow factor."**

INNOVATIVE MATERIALS / METHODS:

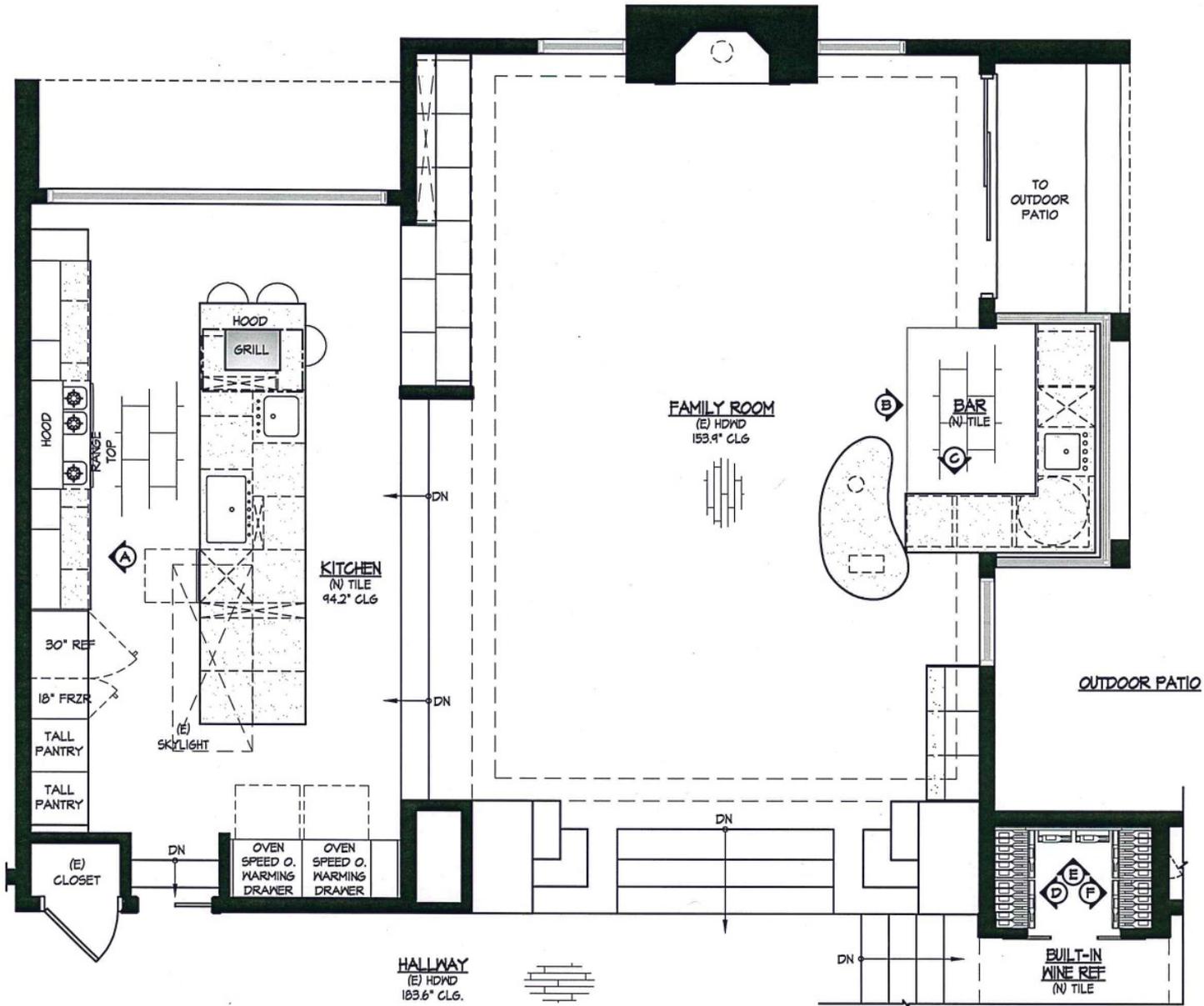
- Poggenpohl cabinets have efficiently-designed base cabinets, glass display drawers at island, full-height pantry pull-outs, internal compost and trash pull-outs, divided drawer storage.
- Cutting edge appliances:
 - Miele integrated refrigerator/freezer, and dishwasher
 - Six Miele ovens - two conventional ovens, one steam oven, one speed oven, two warming drawers
 - High BTU Wolf rangetop
 - Cook-'N-Dine Teppanyaki grill
 - Flush ceiling-mount Best exhaust hood
- Back-painted red SodaGlass backsplash
- Three Franke sinks (two kitchen, one bar) with Dornbracht fixtures
- Recessed and decorative LED lighting in ceiling/stairs, including integral Poggenpohl undercabinet lighting
- Custom designed bar table with metal legs and back-painted glass top, fabricated by local artist
- Stone surface at back wall of wine room has micro-holes which allows for patterned LED back-lighting

OBSTACLES OVERCOME / CRAFTSMANSHIP:

- Major changes to foundation and structural walls were required to level the floor, and open the rooms.
- Support for the cantilevered island countertop above the glass drawers. Solution: build wooden sub-top structure atop pony wall with metal partition supports between the glass drawer boxes.
- Pop-up outlet at the Family Room bar allows for countertop appliances under full-height windows.
- Great care, and protection, was necessary to avoid scratches on high-end glossy cabinetry, and glass.

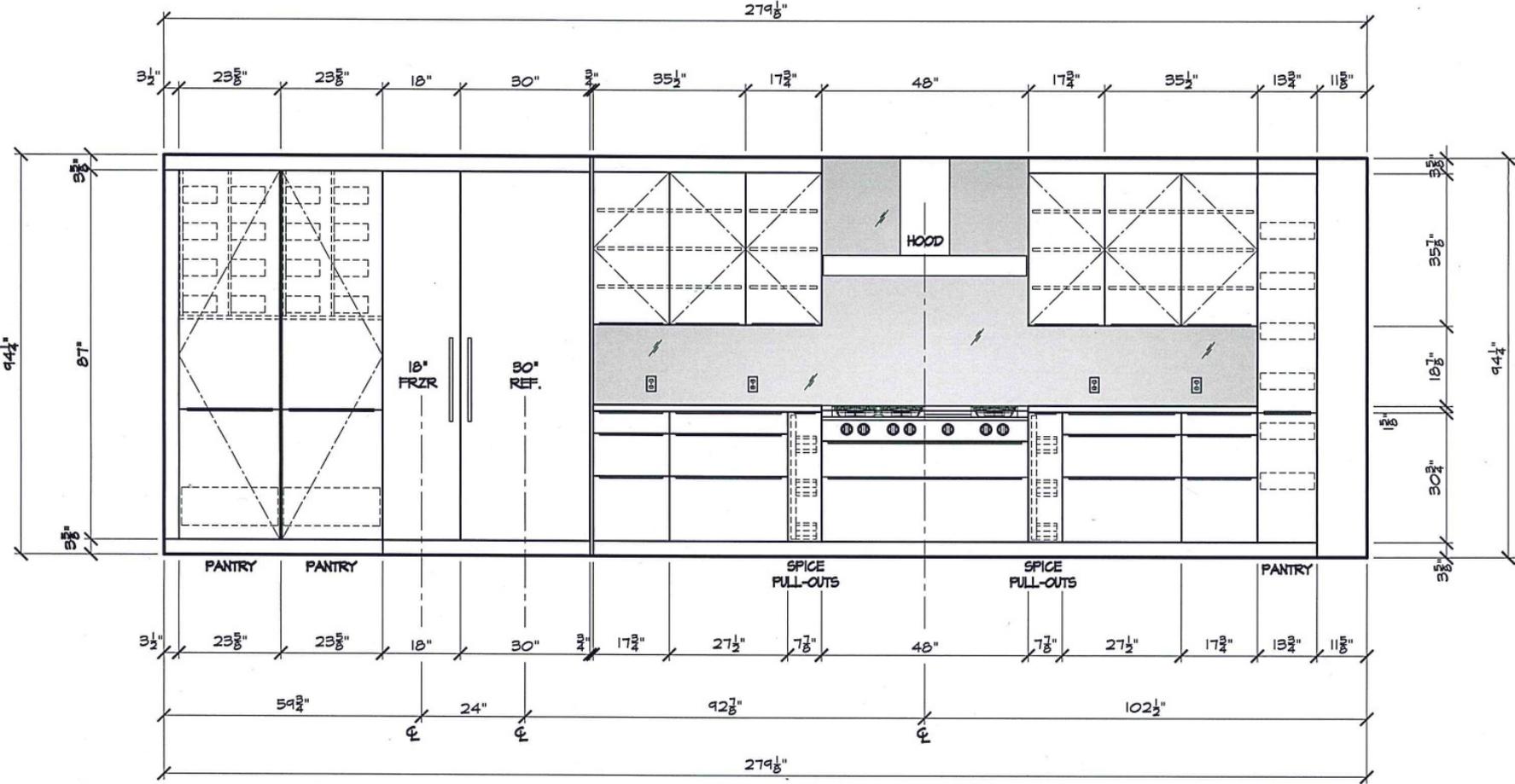


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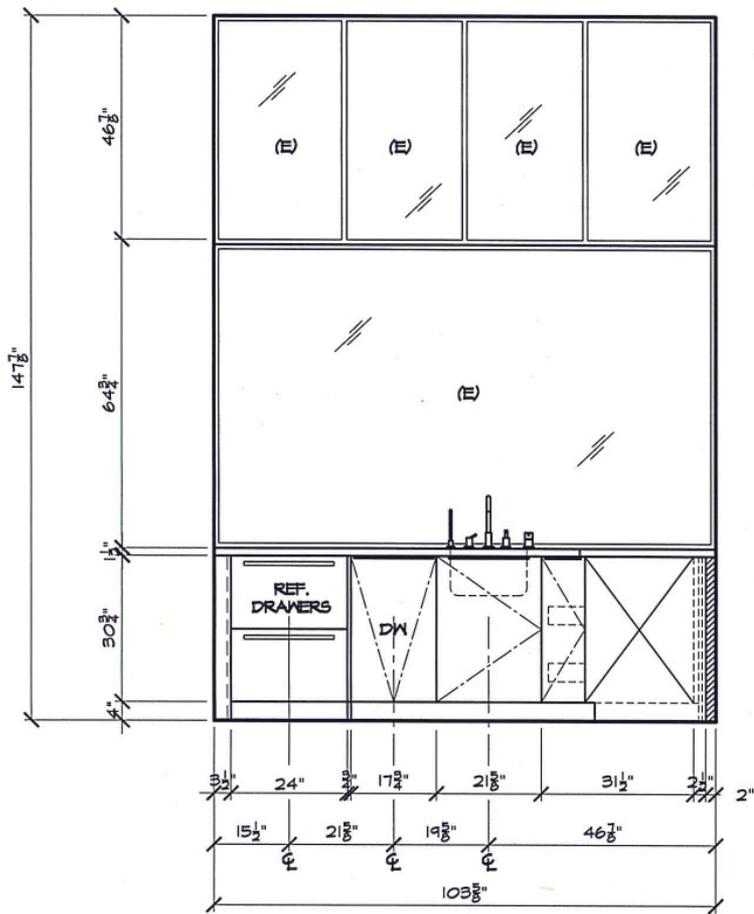
PROPOSED FLOOR PLAN
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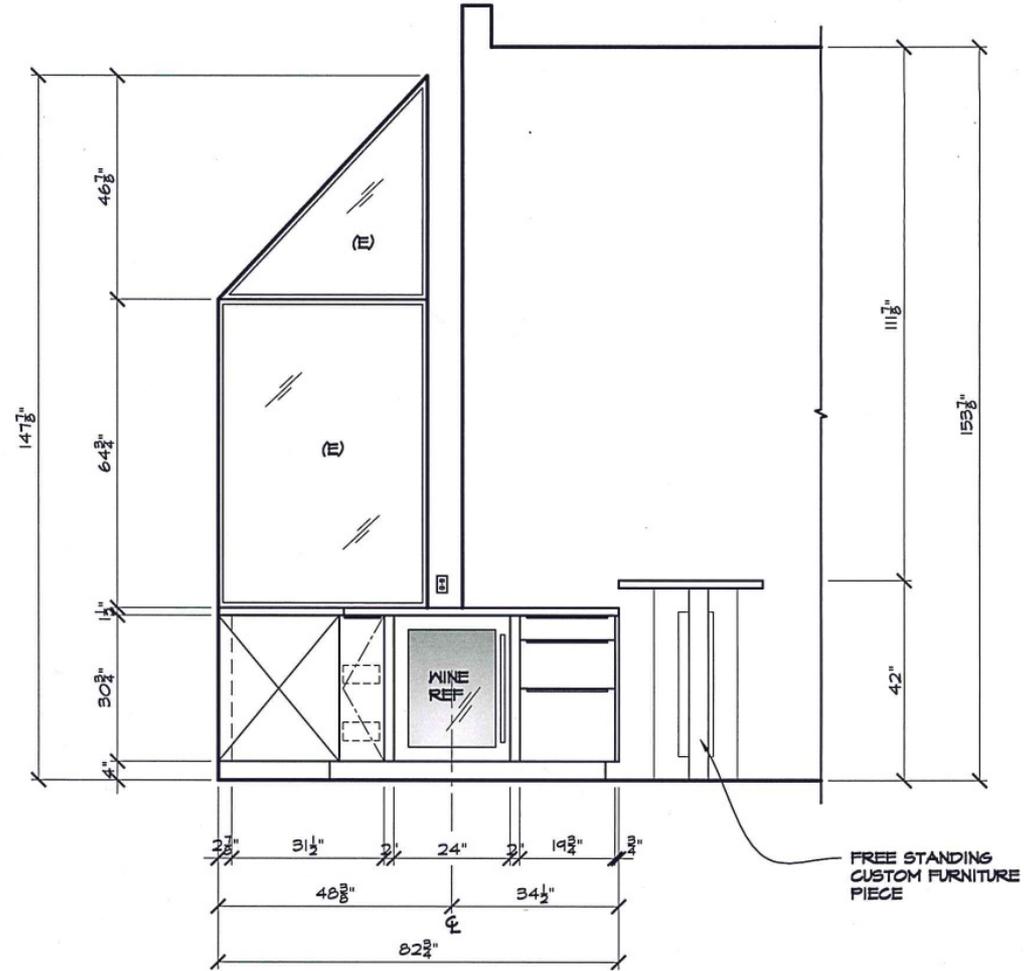


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FAMILY ROOM ELEVATIONS:

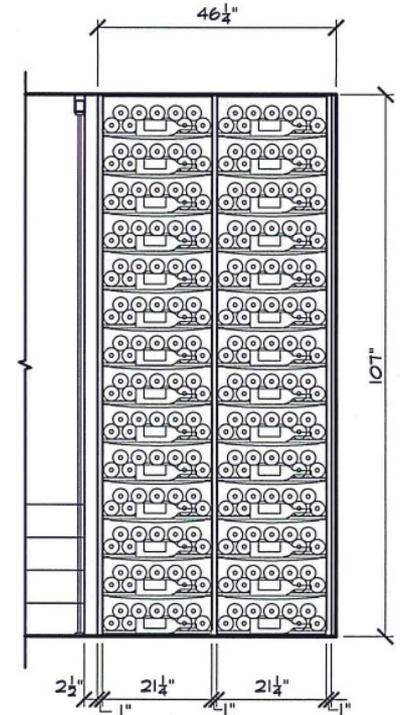
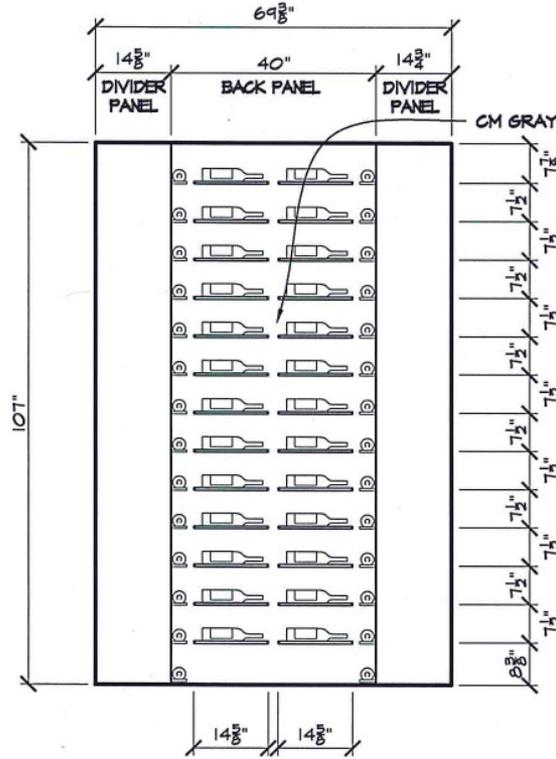
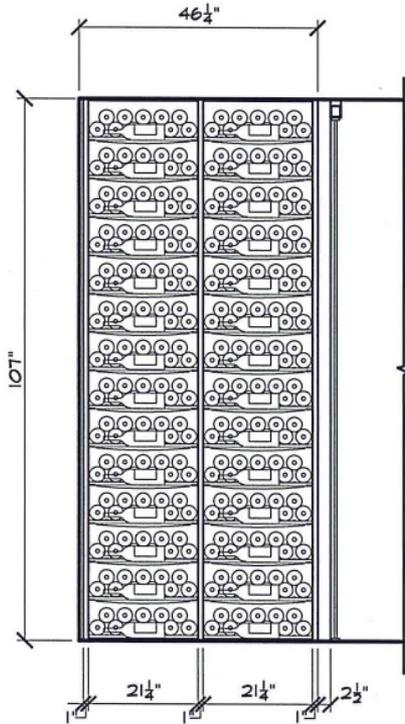


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WINE ROOM ELEVATIONS:



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KITCHEN

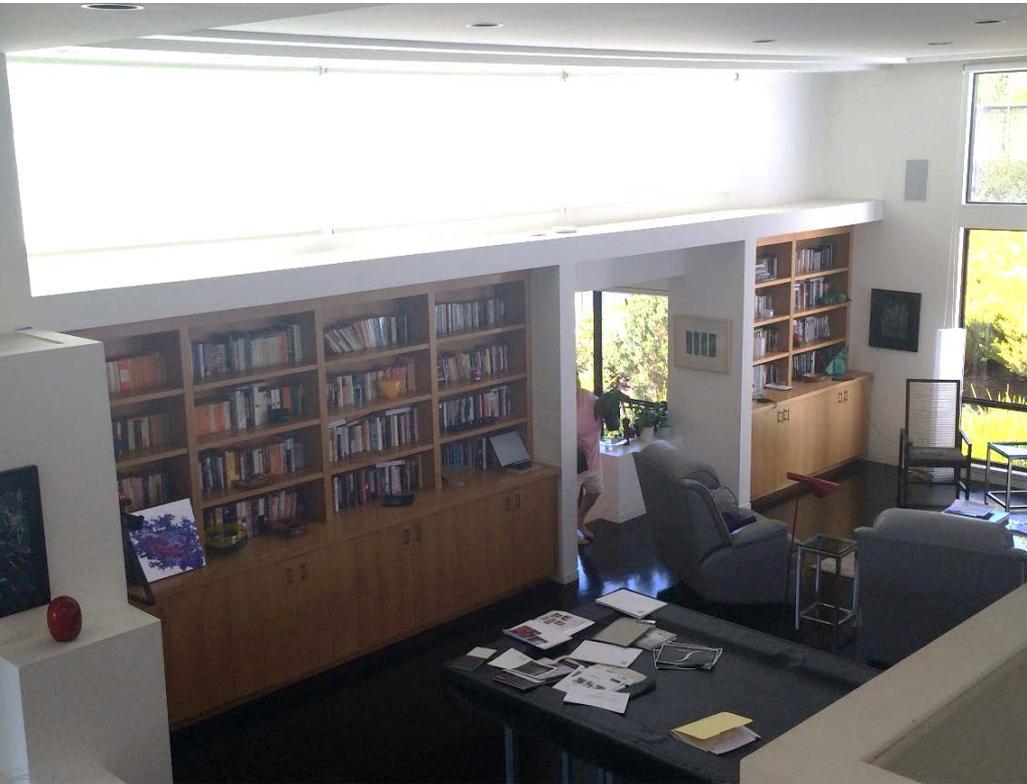


BEFORE: The refrigerator wall separated the Kitchen from the Family Room. Cabinets were discolored and falling off their hinges, countertops were stained, and the Kitchen **was claustrophobic and gloomy overall.**



BEFORE: The outdated, 1980s Kitchen was **not conducive to the homeowners' social and epicurean lifestyle**. The Breakfast Dining area was **up two steps** from the Kitchen area.





BEFORE (Above Left): View from second floor landing into the Family Room shows **lack of connection** to the Kitchen.

DURING (Above Right): Major structural framing was required to open up the wall.

AFTER (Next Page): View from second floor landing shows **open Family Room and Kitchen**. Perfect for group gatherings, conversation, multiple cooks, and entertaining. Informal eating area has been moved into the Family Room.





BEFORE (Above): **Lack of countertop space**, and a small island made access for multiple cooks **crowded and uninviting**. The colors and mood were uninspiring.

AFTER (Next Page): The Kitchen is **fully exposed** and **connected** to the Family Room. Features are: Ultra-Contemporary, high-gloss, Poggenpohl cabinets with glass drawer boxes at the island, back-painted red glass backsplash, a flush-with-the-ceiling exhaust hood, and Teppanyaki grill at the seating area on the island.



BEFORE (Right):
Cooking and informal
dining area were
**separated by two
steps.**



**AFTER (Left): Two
relocated steps into
Kitchen at Hallway now
allow Kitchen to be all on
one level.** Steps include
LED strip lighting for added
safety and evening
ambiance.



AFTER (Next page): The 15'-6"
island now occupies the whole
Kitchen, with a **seating area
centered around the Teppanyaki
grill.** A flush-mount Best ceiling
hood ensures that the view is not
blocked.





DURING (This page): Details of island pony wall construction, and support for cantilevered countertop over glass drawer boxes.

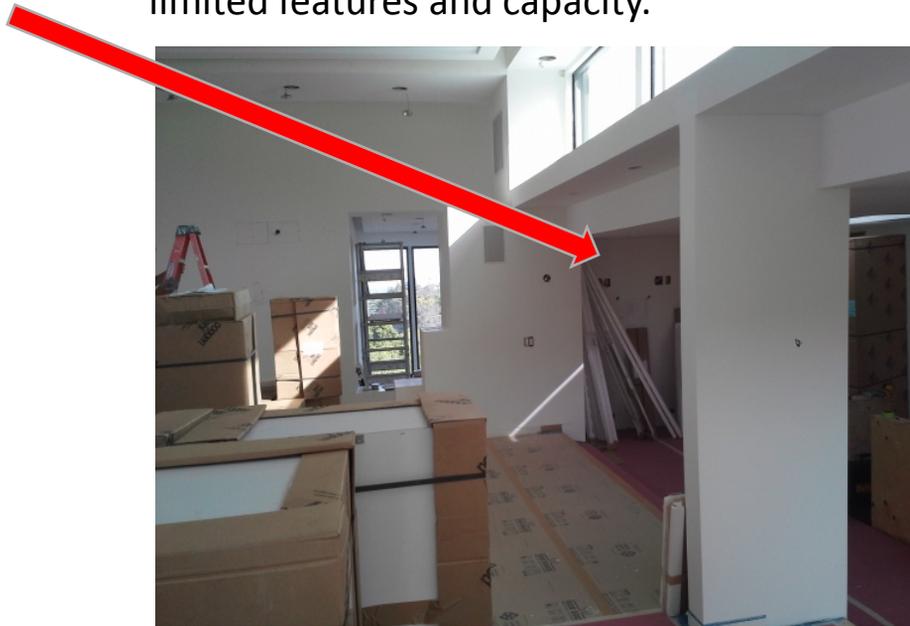


AFTER (Next page): Glass drawer boxes “float” under cantilevered countertop. Built-in Refrigerator/freezer practically disappears. Clients love the eye-popping back-painted glass backsplash.





BEFORE (Above): Original double oven offered limited features and capacity.



DURING (Above): Looking toward new oven wall and island from Family Room.

AFTER (Next page): Miele oven wall with two conventional ovens, one combi/speed oven, one combi/steam oven, and two warming drawers.





AFTER (This and next page): Efficient cabinetry storage and accessories maximize functionality and organization throughout Kitchen.





BAR / FAMILY ROOM



BEFORE (This Page): Existing Bar did not offer desired storage for glassware, serving dishes and utensils, or refrigeration for wine, coffee and cocktail condiments. Large greenhouse windows and high ceilings made adequate lighting and power a challenge. Lack of seating for entertaining caused frustration for the clients.

AFTER (Next Page): Sleek cabinetry provides ample storage (bar cabinetry and adjacent wall units), integrated appliances add desired capacity, and a custom bar table adds flexible serving and seating. The modern aesthetic matches the new Kitchen. The clients love to entertain in this space!



BEFORE: Existing greenhouse windows did not allow for countertop outlets (notice dangling cord to low wall receptacle).



AFTER: A pop-up outlet conveniently installed in the rear corner (behind the lazy susan) offers a functional and attractive solution for countertop appliances. Note: The red color of the Nespresso machines was used for color-matching purposes for the back-painted red glass bar tabletop.



AFTER: We designed and a local artist fabricated the custom bar table. The kidney-shaped tabletop is back-painted red glass to match the Kitchen. The asymmetrical pillar legs are powder coated steel, and are connected to the tabletop with a steel plate. Heavy duty felt pads are adhered to the leg bases, so that the table can easily be moved along the hardwood floor for flexible usage.

Integrated appliances add to the functionality and sleek aesthetic. Extra space at the sides of the undercounter wine refrigerator was created and insulated to minimize noise.



Integrated refrigerator drawers conceal fruit, mixers, and milk for coffee and cocktail mixing.



An integrated wine refrigerator stores wine at two temperature zones, with extra width provided on both sides for sound-deadening insulation.





WINE ROOM – BEFORE

BEFORE (This Page):

A small portion of the clients' wine collection was housed in free-standing wine refrigerators within a Hall Closet. Other bottles were inconveniently located in the crawl space under the house.



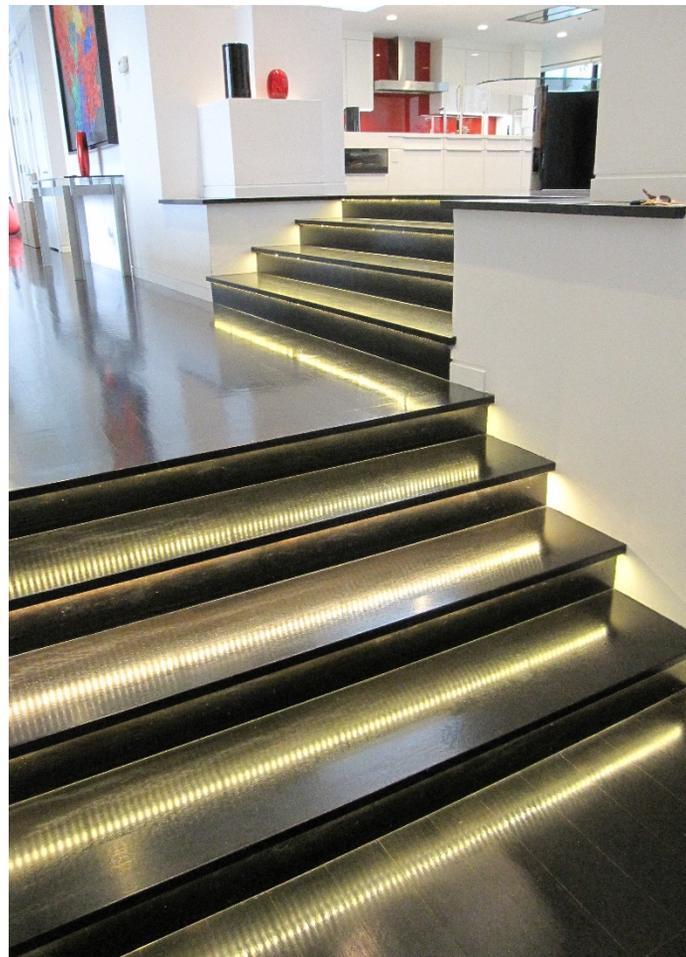
WINE ROOM - AFTER



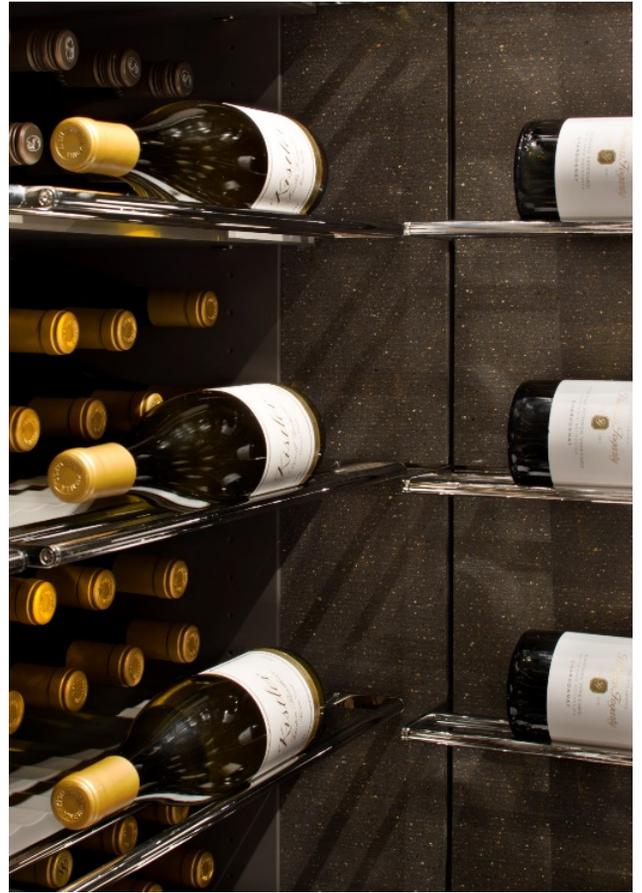
AFTER (Above):

The new, refrigerated Wine Room houses 698 bottles. The wall of the glass doors was extended into the Hallway 6-1/2". The glass doors offer a strong visual connection within the Hall.

AFTER (Right): Steps from Wine Room to Family Room are lit with LED strip lighting and add safety and drama on all-black stairs.



THIS PAGE: The back wall is a stone panel with micro holes and an LED panel behind the stone. When the lights are turned off, it appears as a gray stone wall, with the lights on, there is a dramatically lit pattern of red lights!



NEXT PAGE: Wine Room with sliding glass doors, and LED wall lighting on.

