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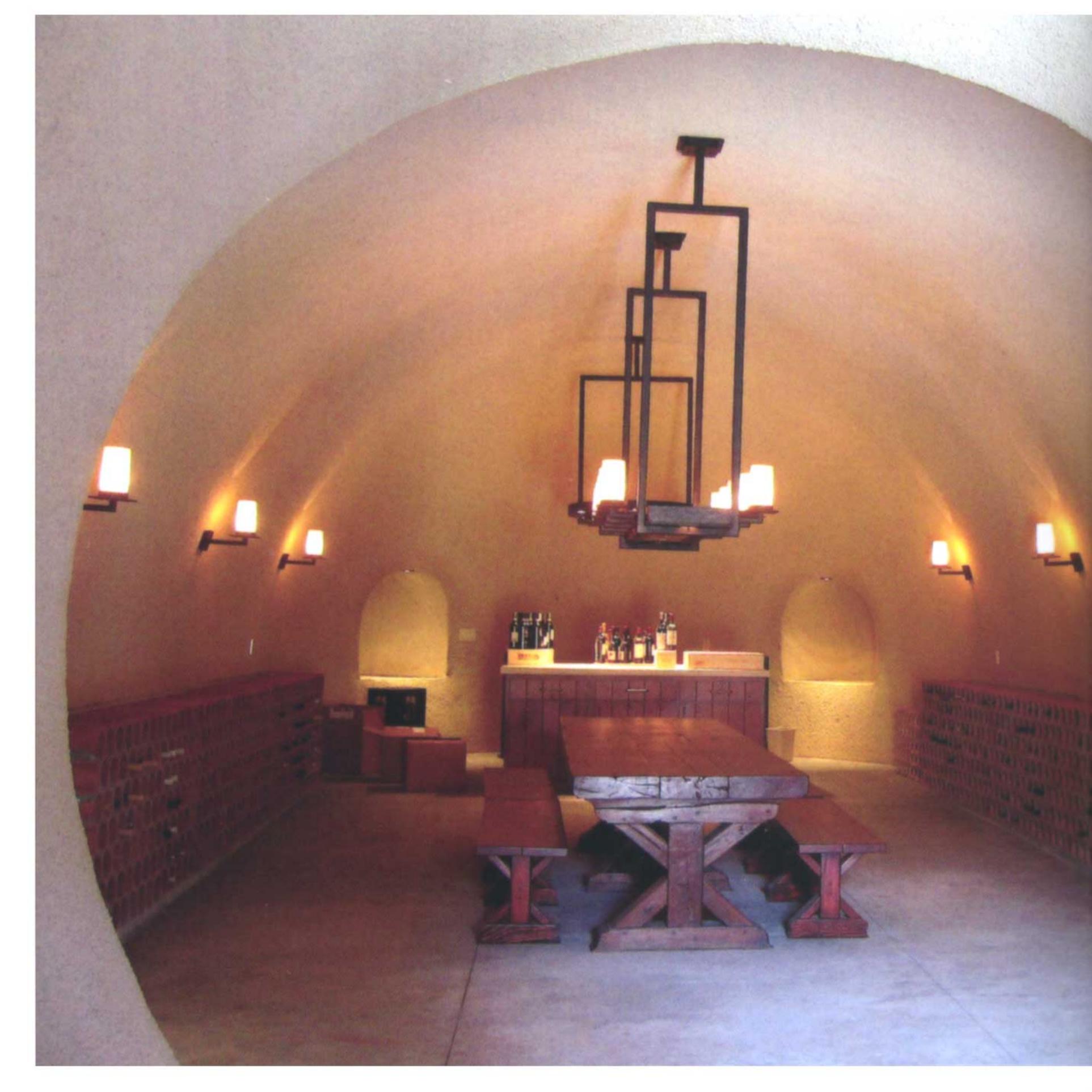
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DOWN UNDER While the Bull family wine cave in a Santa Rosa hillside is

undeniably curvaceous, architect Tom Taylor's description of the shape suggests something better suited to the NASCAR circuit than to bottle storage. "It's like a racetrack," says the principal of the San Francisco-based firm Taylor Lombardo Architects. "There are curves in all directions." The elliptical structure distributes the bearing weight evenly, but the architects couldn't rely solely on being underground for a natural cooling system. "For the sake of the wine, there can't be humidity, so we installed fans that turn on if moisture accumulates," Taylor says. Finishing touches on the Shotcrete-lined cave include a wrought-iron hanging lamp, custom-designed wine racks made of ceramic drain tiles and a beer-fermentation niche requested by the owner.





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