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When Jess Mullen-Carey, at left in inset, and William Beuter of MAKE Architecture in Los Angeles were asked to design a wine bar in Santa Monica, Calif., their charge from the owners, Jason McEntee and Greg Seares, was to create a space without the “wine-drinking snoot factor,” Mr. Beuter said. Accordingly, the new place, the Bodega Wine Bar, mixes comfort with fashionable minimalism: the 3,000-square-foot room has banquettes of synthetic suede, exposed brick, polished concrete floors and intimate conversation areas defined by a curving gunmetal-gray wall and a raised portal of red laminated glass. Acrylic wine racks are made of slices of the door to Club Sugar, the nightclub previously at the address. Bodega Wine Bar, 814 Broadway, Santa Monica; (310) 394-3504, bodegawinebar.com.

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