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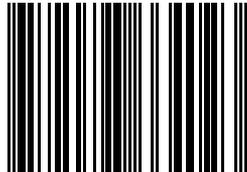
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# Geometric Varietals



Studio SKLIM outfits a new wine bistro with a strong concept of chiselled volumes and geometric cutouts.

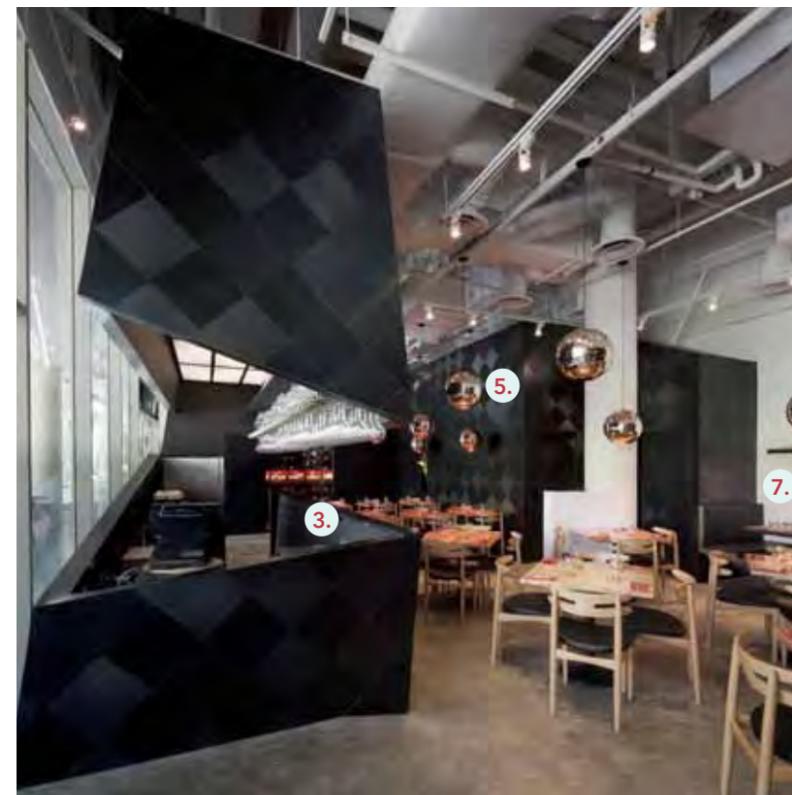
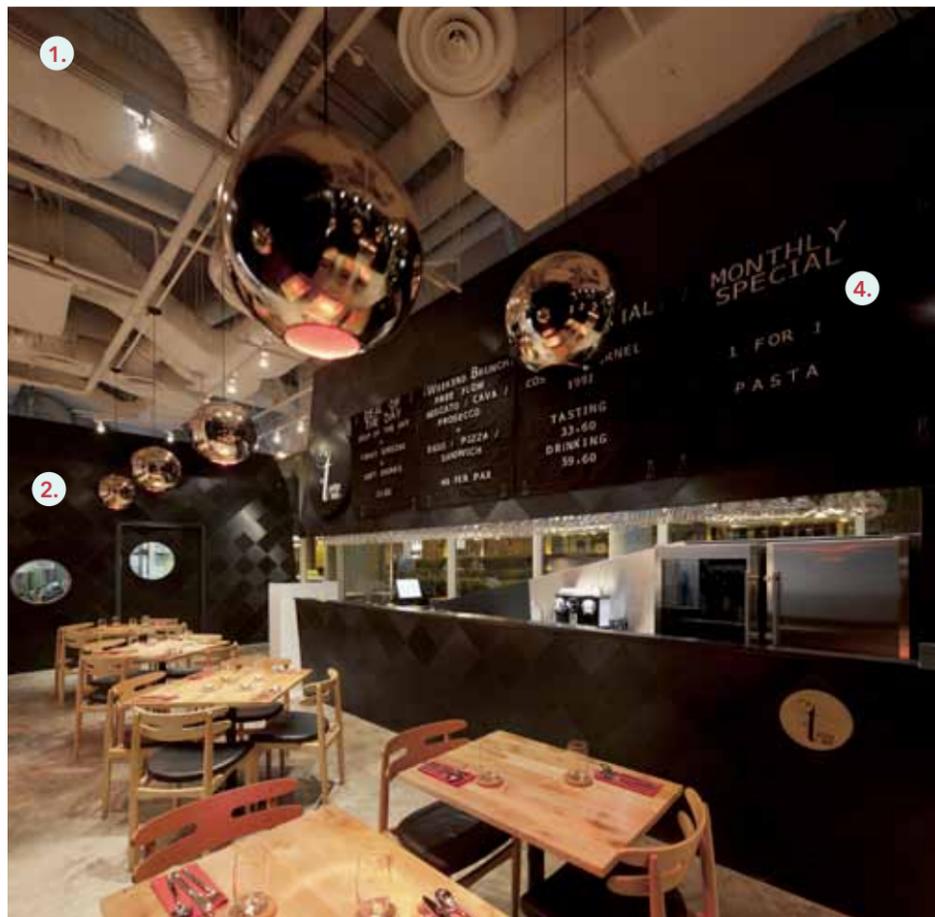
With high duties levied on the country's alcohol imports, an after-work tittle in Singapore never comes cheap. But a new entrant to the F&B scene is creating a paradigm shift with The Tastings Room - a wine bistro where quality wines and food are accessible to everyone. A reasonable price list, a thoughtful menu with food-wine pairing suggestions, and not least, a strongly-conceptualised bistro setting make it a great place to drop in for a long lunch with colleagues or to loosen that tie on a Friday night.

The design was helmed by local designer Kevin Lim of Studio SKLIM, who, in respect to the bistro's ideology, refrained from outfitting the space with the metaphorical suit, despite it being located in the CBD. Through most of the bistro space, features and forms slash together - dynamic enough to evoke a casual vibe, but kept quiet in reference to the refinements of wine appreciation. The geometric fit-out is not purely an aesthetic decision, but a studied result of form - voluminous or tapered to design parameters and hung floating or grounded according to the practical needs of the bistro's busy programme.

Unfussy, this interior design makes for some interesting food for thought, as Lim reveals in his clever working of sight lines: "A selection of strategically placed visibility cut-outs are subtracted from these dark volumes to reveal internal workings of each enclosure as framed spatial appetisers, perhaps how like wine should be, one sip at a time and always in a controlled manner." [thetastingsroom.com](http://thetastingsroom.com)

## 1. Industrial Finish

Exposed ceilings and a concrete screed floor give The Tastings Room the requisite casual-chic vibe of a bistro bar.



## 2. Laminate Wall

Black textured laminates are squared, chamfered, and laid on walls for a moody but still sophisticated backdrop to wine appreciation.

## 3. Bar Counter

A voluminous bar feature hides services, provides a capacious racking space, as it also accommodates a giant light fixture to service bartending needs.

## 4. Velcro Board

A refreshing variation to the quotidian bistro chalk board, the custom velcro board front the bar counter to highlight the daily menu.

## 5. Pendant Lamps

Tom Dixon's Copper Shade lamps drop down in the bistro's main space in three neat rows, with those along the main thoroughfare strung higher making for more headroom.

## 6. Wall Windows

Portholes, placed either at eye level for visual connection between kitchen crew and waiting team or at elbow height to facilitate food serving, maximize kitchen-to-table efficiency.

## 7. Cantilevered Fittings

Wall-side banquet seats are paired with floating, tapered lamps that echo the geometric forms found through the bistro.

## 8. Coupled Rooms

A partition between the two private rooms can be folded back to allow for a double capacity room when the need arises. ■■■

## Pitcher Perfect

If you're serving wine at home for friends, a charming carafe will make the most of your tittle's look and taste.



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