



Oriented strand board shelving helps customers find their way

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Grove & Vine Provondore:
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For all those sub-25 year olds reading this article, I have a bombshell for you: wine routinely used to be bottled with cork. Yeah, I know, crazy. In a few short years cork has been erased from the mass-production map. Grove and Vine Provondore loves the idea of cork, it represents everything it aspires to: natural, rootsy, ageless... and, now, just a little bit exotic.

The new food/wine store has popped up like a porcini mushroom in the emerging foodie paradise that is Yarra Lane [see Issue 42 for more] and visiting Grove & Vine is akin to falling over a hidden epicurean gem in a Mediterranean back street.

Under the watchful gaze of talented designer Kate Stokes of Coco-Flip Design Studio and architect Haslett Grounds, Grove & Vine Provondore's design pulls together a combination of textiles, including cork and oriented strand board (OSB) and a 2000 hanging cork display all against the backdrop of a life-size 1950s print of a woman crushing grapes in a wine barrel. The expanse of OSB (oriented strand board) used for the custom designed furniture was chosen for its unique character and warmth. The furniture was designed to 'hero' each product and allow for storage of wine boxes and other produce amongst the displays.

Oh, not enough cork for you? Fret not, as there's a sea of 8000 corks pressed up against the glass front to form a display for product, setting the theme at the point of entry. And enter they will: whether it's to sample a regional varietal from Bannockburn or Gembrook Hill or to source the un-source-able such as Baldji's' fresh figs in syrup from Greece or Lolin's Bay of Biscay Yellowfin tuna in olive oil, Grove & Vine Provondore is a foodlovers' honeypot. Well worth a sticky-beak. **venue**

