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The last time architect Stefano Colli pricked our GRAPE APPLAUSE consciousness, it was with his award-winning design for the HQ of Andorra-based bank BPA (W*51) and, most memorably, the wine-tasting room in the basement. One year on, and the Spanish architect has, once again, turned to the bottle for inspiration. This time around, his well-informed eye has been employed to breathe new life into the wine bar and shop experience. And the result is so good that in our opinion Perbacco should not be reserved for the jolly Spaniards who visit the town of Sitges

Designed by architect Stefano Colli, Perbacco allows customers to try their wine in the bar before buying

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