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Perbacco is a wine shop, designed to function as a wine bar in the evenings. Located in Sitges, a seaside resort not far from Barcelona, the stark simplicity of its 55 square metre (590 square foot) interior was inspired by a 'wine box without a top'. Against this honest, no-frills backdrop, the ceremony of purchasing and sampling wines takes centre stage.

Stefan Colli of Workcelona was asked to transform the former tailor's workshop on a limited budget. His solution was to use engineered wood panelling, otherwise known as Oriented Strand Board (OSB), for the floor, walls and the bar. More typically used as temporary construction board, this cheap material lends Perbacco a lo-fi, utilitarian feel. Simple, stainless-steel bar stools complete the clean, pared-down aesthetic.

Wine bottles are displayed on stainless-steel shelving and lit by concealed fluorescent lighting. The tasting table is illuminated by a Maarten van Severen lamp. There are plans to convert the basement level below into a private tasting area.

far left

Wines are displayed on utilitarian stainless-steel shelving.

below left

Engineered wood panelling, more typically used in construction, lends Perbacco its lo-fi aesthetic.

below right

The central table operates as both bar and wine-tasting counter.

