

## Notable Project Profile

Job Name:	<b>Bin 119</b>
Location:	Billings, Montana
Product/Texture:	<b>Spatula Stuhhi Classico, Stuhhi Opaco, &amp; Duroplex</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> Stuhhi Classico- NB</li><li> Opaco- KF</li><li> Duroplex- Sassy Green SW 6416</li></ul>
A/D firm:	<b>HSD Studio / Homesite Designers (Billings)</b> <a href="http://www.hsdstudio.com">http://www.hsdstudio.com</a>
Installer:	<b>Riverside Drywall – Joe Laemmle</b> Huntley, MT

**Bin119** is a restaurant/wine bar located in Billings, Montana (119 N. Broadway). Located within an historic downtown building, Bin 119 was created and is owned by designer/developer HSD Studios. The space had been a revolving door of restaurants for many years and was originally a family run jewelry store for almost 20 years. The long narrow space with only a small storefront had proved challenging to keep customers interested and it was a constant paint color change or "puff and buff" remodel for each new tenant. The last restaurant was a Chinese buffet that lasted about 6 months.

When we purchased the building in 2007 the space was vacant and we had no idea as to what we were going to do or who might want to lease it. We did know that we had an opportunity to start from scratch and create something special if we could find the right people to align with. Brainstorming with my partner one day, the idea of a wine bar came up and we discussed how it might fit into the building quite well. We loved the idea and penciled out a short list of a few people who we thought might be interested. While at lunch the following day at a sports bar that I had designed the previous year, the owner approached me and asked what we were going to do with the space. He told me he had been seriously thinking about opening a wine bar and thought our building might be a great space to do it.

So the stars aligned, we connected and I was given *Carte Blanche* as far as design was concerned. I began thinking of a concept that would combine a warm mix of raw materials, refined furnishings and unique types of seating to keep people interested and comfortable in the deep narrow space. The idea of backlit wood slat walls tied in with a name that I kept rolling around in my head - Bin. The concept of a wood crate taking the grapes from the vineyards to the winery is the abstract idea that I have tried to incorporate throughout the design. The back bar and several other back-lit focal walls feature this idea and are complimented beautifully by the modeled finishes of the space. The space consists of a main restaurant, bar and back private dining room that opens to a small outdoor patio.

Bin119 has been hugely popular since it opened last year and a rooftop patio expansion is already in the works. It has definitely brought a bit of big city energy to Billings and will continue to get better with age. - James Kordonowy Principal





