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Tiny-pour wine gadget enables Asheville tastings

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Eberhard Heide, owner of Asheville Wine Market, recently installed a computerized wine tasting system in his store. The machine allows customers to buy three different sizes of pours. / Erin Brethauer/ebrethau@citizen-times.com



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ASHEVILLE — There are various automated gadgets on the market designed to dispense wines. Over the years, Asheville Wine Market owner Eberhard Heide has seen them, and mostly shrugged them off.

“We had a four bottle unit (in the shop) and it gave us nothing but headaches,” he said. “It didn't preserve the wine. These things were convoluted and didn't work.”

His mind was changed by a high-tech device called the NapaTechnology WineStation Intelligent Dispensing System, a computerized machine now tucked in the back of the Asheville Wine Market, 65 Biltmore Ave.

The machine — actually three units, each holding four bottles of wine — will pour three different size samples of wine for customers holding a “smart card,” purchased at the Wine Market counter.



The high-tech wine pouring system at the Asheville Wine Market allows customers to sample an assortment of wines,

The device has taken wine tastings to a new level, said Heide, who opened the

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