



# HAND-CRAFTED WITH PRIDE

*A passion for woodworking and attention to detail are the keys to James Voss' success*

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**J** Voss Cabinet Shop in Linn has been selling custom cabinets and cabinet doors since 1991. Owner James Voss says he is self-taught and has had an interest in woodworking since grade school. Both his father and grandfather owned lumber companies in Linn.

"I took classes in high school, and I was always building stuff in my dad's basement," he says. "It just came natural to me. I learned everything on my own, and made a lot of mistakes in the process."

Today, J Voss Cabinet Shop has first-time and repeat customers throughout central Missouri and in St. Louis and

Illinois. He and his team make cabinets for a variety of residential spaces such as kitchens, bathrooms, laundry rooms, bars and wine cellars. They also have commercial clients such as restaurants, bars, wineries and even car dealerships. Voss has an 8,000 square-foot workshop and an 800 square-foot showroom. Customer satisfaction is a priority at J Voss Cabinet Shop. Voss says he works with his customers to make sure they get exactly what they want whether it is an original design or a recreation. He has a computer program that provides a 3D image of what the cabinets will look like once they are installed.

"We don't use any particle board," says Voss. "All of our cabinets and doors are made from solid wood and we do a variety of custom finishes. We are building high-quality pieces that will last a lifetime."

With the recent purchase of new equipment, Voss says he hopes to expand his business to include retail offerings such as home décor, furniture and carved wood signs.

"We build everything in the shop," he says of his operation. "We don't use any subcontractors. We also personally install everything that we build to make sure that the job is done correctly." □



