

polished to honed marble

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I have polished marble on my kitchen floor. There have been some spills on it and the spills have taken the shine off the marble. One was from a bottle of white wine that fell out of the refrig when we opened the door. It did a great job of honing the marble. Question: Is there something like the wine designed to dull the marble? I am considering washing the floor with white wine. Thanks, Lou Armentrout

Dear Lou:

I don't need to break you the news that polished marble does not belong in a kitchen, since you already found it out by yourselfâ€! :-)

Yes, the acidity of wine (and any other drink, for that matter, including sodas) etched the surface of your stone.

I appreciate you sense of humor, but while turning the finish of the stone from polished to honed is the best possible solution, I do not recommend acid-honing (white vinegar, for instance, or a mild solution of water and muriatic acid). It would be best to have the entire floor honed professionally with a good-quality honing powder. The finish would be more uniform and smoother, which translates in easier cleaning of the floor.

Once the honing is done, the application of a good-quality stone impregnating sealer like MB-4 is recommended.

But remember: The issue of what you'll be doing day in and day out to your stone is â€“ as it should be intuitive â€“ vastly more important than its sealing (if and when possible and/or advisable) and it's all too often neglected. As you can tell by reading many of this site's postings, you're not likely to get good information about routine care from your dealer or installer. Don't become another statistic! By logging into the Helpful Hints section of our website at: _

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