



Fine Finishes by Camilo

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We've all seen a poor paint job before. Maybe it was our first rental apartment with a quickly applied "Landlord Special" or a family member's bad patch-up on a drywall repair. Bad paint jobs are everywhere and they stand out, especially when you look for them. From poor color choices to poor application, even poor products can turn a paint job south. Fine Finishes by Camilo specializes in elevating surfaces with professionally applied premium products. Their know-how and expertise seamlessly guides customers on a painting journey, helping clients navigate color and finish choices which will protect their surfaces with beautiful results. Fine Finishes by Camilo helps homeowners bring their visions to life and takes their homes to a whole new level.

Camilo Doria has been painting since his early twenties. Connecting with another Colombian painter provided him an opportunity in a world familiar to the grandson of a carpenter, despite having never picked up a paintbrush. Naturally drawn to the texture and beauty of wood and coatings, Camilo plunged into finishing work with a passion that could only be inherent, finding that he deeply connected with the work. The feeling of a brush pulling varnish across a surface, the fine mist of paint stacked layer upon layer, the perfection of a completely smooth finish; he was completely captured.

Learning the trade took time but Camilo was patient. For years he worked alongside other experienced painters, learning every aspect of the detailed work. He discovered that he especially enjoyed the challenge of refinishing woodwork, working with the variations of wood density, color, and grain. Many of the high-end homes he worked in were filled with wood banisters, beams, wall paneling, and millwork. Giving wood elements new life was a sustainable practice and it honored and preserved the wood's natural beauty. It wasn't long before refinishing was Camilo's specialty.

One day while working as a painter for a good painting company Camilo realized that he had quietly leveled up. He was a lead painter regularly interacting with architects and designers, responsible for meetings and job sites while still also painting and he couldn't think of any reason not to start his own

business. In fact, his unique name was memorable to many clients who knew that Camilo did incredible work. Perhaps they would still recognize his name and call him when he was on his own. Thankful for the opportunity to develop his skills Camilo continued working for his employer, all the while contemplating the possibility of his own company. In his mind he could visualize it. His heart knew it was the right step. Finally, in 2014 it was time to take it.

Starting a company was scary but Camilo was ready. Years of experience in the trade had taught him the tools he would need to interact with clients and had given him many of the skills he would need to run a business. He was already proficient in a new language; how much harder could it be to bring his vision to life? With the support and encouragement of his friends and family Camilo set to work putting everything he had into his new endeavor and sealing the commitment with a name: Fine Finishes by Camilo. It wasn't just any name, it was his name. His vision. His dream. Every customer who hired them would receive results as if they had been completed by Camilo's own hands and he knew they would be able to trust the consistently high standard every time. Camilo's company would be known for the same qualities that he embodied himself: quality, honesty, and hard work.

Camilo attributes his high standards to his childhood in Colombia, where he was taught to treat every task with care. "Growing up my parents told me that if you're going to do something, do it right or else don't do it," he says with a smile. Now as a fine finisher he applies that standard to every aspect of his work, often receiving word-of-mouth referrals from existing clients. Fine Finishes by Camilo is known for an impeccable standard in finishing as well as for providing full service down to the smallest details. At a long-term project in Medina, Camilo and his team put to practice their skills in a combination of staining, varnishing, spraying, and standard painting. Working on the home of a well-known interior designer may have been daunting to some, but not to Camilo who reveled in the challenge. Upon completion the designer complimented Camilo, that she had never before seen finishes at this level. "Never," he repeats



thoughtfully. “That compliment marked a huge accomplishment for me, and it was a reminder that even after all these years I’m still a good painter.” Validated in just a few words from the right person, this simple act of recognition had become a great reward and Camilo knew that he had created something truly exceptional.

Refusing to cut corners is one of the many qualities that has earned Fine Finishes by Camilo a reputation of honesty. The trust of his clients matters most; pride in a job well done is everything. Proper procedure while painting means excellent results: good preparation, good masking, good products, and good cleanup can make or break a job. Knowing his clients have decided to spend their hard-earned money on having their home nicely painted drives Camilo and his team to work that much harder to provide quality work, and 99% of the time they bolster that quality by using premium Benjamin Moore paint. “I’ve been using Benjamin Moore for many years,” shares Camilo, “and years later Benjamin Moore paint still looks good. My clients appreciate knowing that I am confident in the products I am going to use on their home.”

For nearly nine years Camilo has been establishing the positive reputation of his company in the Pacific Northwest by following good business practices and providing his customers with quality that lasts. “This company means more than money to me,” he says earnestly. “It’s my reputation. It is

my *name*. And to me, the most important thing is that the client is satisfied when the job is done.”

Every morning Camilo wakes up ready to live life to its fullest. Already, he is envisioning the next step in his career, and it is one that involves giving back by providing education on his trade. “I’ve seen a lot of painters who don’t take their work seriously, they don’t realize that they can do more with it. I want to encourage people who are considering starting their own businesses to pursue it –go for it. There will be scary moments and sometimes life is going to push you down but you can still grow.” Challenges can be motivating, overcoming challenges is rewarding and Camilo is always looking for his next challenge, ready to take things to the next level.

Fine Finishes by Camilo serves the Pacific Northwest region from the Eastside to Camano Island, Bainbridge Island and beyond.

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