

High Style



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Exhilarating style characterize kitchen contours with solid, flat-panel Parapan upper cabinetry in a high-gloss finish. Painted, Shaker-style cabinets in Wolf Gray define island and lower cabinet features with additional fridge overlays and pantry storage that hosts vertical-grain, engineered veneer. An impressive backsplash of 24-carat white gold with Murano glass adds sparkle to dual Swarovski crystal chandeliers suspended from chrome plated medallions that glisten above a marble-topped island and Caesarstone countertops.



The ultra-slim flat screen is mounted on a 2,000-pound slab of marble above a wide format, glass bed fireplace encased in honed granite and flanked with engineered veneer cabinets. Handsome wide-plank, white oak hardwoods anchor the setting with wire-brushed appeal. Heavy window casings complement hand-crafted crown mouldings that host a blend of dentil, corbel, and moulded character to define room flows with perimeter pot light appeal. View-scale windows stretch from dining to great room décors, showcasing lush garden views.



Brightly appointed, the living room features a basket-weave ceramic tile surround with art deco flanking tiles. Motorized drapes align window bench seating with edge-grain fir that defines mantle and wall features. Shallow cove ceiling details mimic historic plaster ceiling aesthetics with period character.



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"I grew up in a family of developers, which has given me a good deal of exposure to the industry and an eye for luxurious homes," shares Van Vliet, who has managed to set sales record highs in his chosen neighbourhoods since 1995. "They sell for the simple reason that they are of the highest quality and possess unequalled attention to detail."



The elegant, Hollywood-style home theatre features a 106-inch projection screen and velvet damask upholstered walls with acoustic benefits above wainscoting.

Focusing on Vancouver's west side, in neighbourhoods rich in history and character, Van Vliet captures classic façades in his projects with a constant focus on sustaining community integrity. Timeless curb appeal is then effectively balanced with updated innovations in both technology and finish selections.

A recently sold spec home, this two story Shaunessy residence features 5,400 square feet on three developed levels. It was designed by architect Charles Fawkes and features a traditional Craftsman influence. Exhibiting an interior design by Tereza Bajan and creative millwork by Van Arbour Design, an enticing balance of old world and modern elements provide an eclectic blend that permeates interiors, culminating in a fresh concept for the west side.

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An eye-catching bevelled-edge, mirrored bar wall flanks obsidian glass at its centre beneath flat screen entertainments. Crocodile textured Caesarstone countertops add interest to the Shaker-style bar with Moorish wallpaper selections. Adjacent, split-face granite with timber edge styling encase the mirrored fireplace surround.



The temperature-controlled wine room features travertine floors beneath a reclaimed fir ceiling with timber details. A solid reclaimed maple table complements white oak wine racks features. The 10ml glass enclosure is enhanced with chrome hardware.



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“The biggest challenge was establishing something unique,” shares Bajan. “This home represents a softer palette— not as heavy as past trends. Each level has its own distinctive theme that collaborates well overall.”

Designed to accommodate a large family and to host friends, the home exudes sophisticated function with a fully equipped side spice kitchen, home theatre, bar, and wine room. Full home automation extends convenience with iPad, iPod, and iPhone control affording remote access to integrated entertainment, lights, HVAC, and security functions. Further equipped with an outdoor kitchen, the exterior is equally appointed with a generous patio, mature landscaping, and a three-car detached garage.

“The materials were selected to capture not only the historic appeal of the neighbourhood but they also mirror the quality of that era,” continues Van Vliet. Featuring three-inch thick fascia boards and rafter tails with excessive moulding and trim details, the home’s style—appropriate exterior is achieved with natural and imported finish selections.

Daring to spend more money at spec and proved of a talented team who share his vision, Troy Van Vliet explains, “Ultimately if we feel it is beautiful and worthy, we put it in—especially in this home.” A true compliment was that this home was sold through photos alone. “The choices may be bold yet cast a wide net in terms of appeals.”



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An enviable oasis, the master ensuite is awash in white with a Cerrera marble floor and waterfall-edged countertop gracing high gloss cabinets. The open rafter ceiling boasts tongue and groove craftsmanship amidst a sixteen-foot planked vault. A deep slipper bath is accented with chrome floor-mounted fixtures. Mirror-mounted wall sconces and chandelier add Swarovski charm.



Red brick defines walkways and entrance to this Craftsman-inspired façade. Cedar wall shingles and rockdash stucco clad the exterior with period styling. A pointed, solid fir front entry completes curb appeal.

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