

## The Cambria Difference

Cambria blurs the line between ingenuity and obsession. With fearless artistic expression, quality American craftsmanship, and industry-leading innovation, they transform the purest quartz into stunning surfaces that command attention. They use the purest quartz, sustainably harvested from their owned mines to craft remarkably durable products that are maintenance free; are built to resist chips, scratches, and stains; and never require sealing.

### What are Quartz Slabs?

While quartz slabs are often called “engineered” or “man-made,” quartz is one of the hardest, most abundant natural elements. Cambria combines a high concentration of pure quartz with pigments and binder to create strong, compact slabs with unsurpassed performance. Naturally durable and maintenance free, and available in an endless array of designs and colors, Cambria quartz surfaces are the perfect choice for any application.

### The Characteristics of Quartz

#### Durability

Quartz countertops are extremely durable and will withstand daily use. As a hard material, it resists chips, scratches, stains, and cut marks.

#### Maintenance Free

Unlike granite, marble, and other surfaces, quartz never has to be sealed or maintained. Extremely durable and nonabsorbent, it is easy to clean, stain resistant, and doesn't harbor harmful bacteria in the stone. Natural stone table tops, like quartz, can be damaged by sudden temperature changes and it is advised to place coasters or trivets under anything hot.

#### Environmentally Friendly

Quartz is mined by crushing stone, not extracting full slabs from the earth. This leaves a smaller, greener footprint, obtains better yield per extraction, and produces less waste. To minimize disruption to the environment, mining sites are backfilled, and the land is restored after the quartz is extracted.

### Quartz Comparisons

#### Quartz vs. Granite

Quartz is harder and more durable than granite. Unlike granite, quartz is nonabsorbent, resists stains, and is maintenance free. Granite needs to be sealed and polished regularly. Quartz just needs to be cleaned with warm water, a soft cotton cloth, and mild soap, if desired. Quartz can also be fabricated for unique applications not possible with granite or other materials.

#### Quartz vs. Marble

Quartz is much more durable than marble. Marble scratches and stains easily, while quartz resists scratching and staining. Marble table tops require frequent maintenance, but quartz table tops never need to be sealed or polished. Unlike the incredibly porous marble, quartz is nonabsorbent, so staining liquids and harmful bacteria are not absorbed. Acidic foods like lemon can cause etching on marble, but not with quartz.