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Dominic Mercurio opened the doors of Café Fina in June 1989 and named the fine dining establishment after his mother, Josephina. The restaurant sits on Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey, California, providing memorable views of the Monterey Bay. Café Fina's interior reflects the great history in the restaurant and the Mercurio family. Photos of Dominic's father, grandparents and other family members line the walls, with scenes of them as a family as well as on the sardine boats for which Monterey was once known.

Since its opening, Café Fina has continued to serve fresh seafood and classic Italian food. Café Fina makes its pasta in house, giving it a true Italian touch. The menu also highlights sustainable fresh seafood, a traditional wood burning stove and organic vegetables grown at Domenic's ranch. In addition to its standard lunch and dinner menus, Café Fina also offers nightly specials and vegetarian, kids and banquet menus. Café Fina is pet friendly, and provides a "Doggie Menu" for diners' furry friends.

Café Fina offers an intimate, romantic dining setting as well as a banquet room for larger parties. The restaurant has won a number of awards for its ambiance, excellent food, and attentive service, including the 2009 Best of Monterey Award by the US Commerce Association, Best Places in Northern California and Best Places to Kiss in California by both Frommers and AAA travel guides. Café Fina was also visited by Rachel Ray, and has been designated as one of her top picks.

Café Fina is dedicated to the community through its donation to many organizations, such as local schools, the Suisun Wild Life Center, the Monterey Institute of International Studies, Central Coast Lighthouse Keepers, the Boys & Girls Club, Monterey Pony Baseball, Cherry Jubilee and its school program called Squid Kids. Squid Kids invites schools to bring their students to learn about seafood and sustainable fishing.

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