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Wood Species

Red Oak The most traditional and commonly used wood species in cabinetry for many years. It is known for its distinctive open graining and attractive price. Oak lumber can vary from almost white to brown to gray. These are normal variations in the color of oak, and are to be expected in cabinetry. The lighter the stain, the more noticeable the variations.

Hickory A very hard, heavy wood known for its extremely bold and distinct open graining and color variations. A single board of hickory lumber can have several color variations from almost white to dark brown and black. Dark mineral deposits are common. Extreme color variation is expected in hickory and that is what gives hickory its charm.

Maple A hard and heavy wood known for its lighter color and tight graining (less distinct grain). Maple commonly has mineral streaks, which are dark streaks in random sizes running through the grain of the wood. These mineral streaks are noticeable markings because they contrast the natural color of maple. Color varies from creamy white and light blond to medium brown or reddish tones. It is susceptible to mellowing and darkening with exposure to light. Maple has become very popular of late due to its tight grain and use with glazed finishes.

Knotty Alder A smooth, fine-grained hardwood with a straight grain pattern similar to cherry. Color varies from pale pinkish-brown to a light tan or honey color. Knotty alder is chosen for its rugged appearance. Knots will be random in size and distribution and will range from tight sound knots to very rustic, split, and open knots.

Cherry A slightly hard and relatively light wood known for its tight graining and elegant coloring. A frequently occurring feature specific to cherry are its gum pockets, otherwise known as pitch pockets. They are small black flecks or streaks in the wood caused by dried sap pockets. Color varies from almost white to light brown to pinkish red, giving it a wider variation in color than most people know. Lighter stains will show this variation, so the buyer should be aware of this characteristic. Another very important characteristic of cherry is its sensitivity to light. Cherry will darken over time with exposure to any light, especially the sun. This darkening will happen with all cherry and even after it has been finished. Understanding the aging process of cherry is important before purchasing this beautiful wood.

Thermafoil The term for our wrapped MDF doors and drawer fronts. Thermafoil doors

are a composite material with a durable coating in either iceberg white, antique white, or our smooth finish glacier white. The interior of the cabinets will remain a natural maple.