Cherry Wood Expectations

Cherry is a beautiful hardwood, having been sought after for the bold characteristics that make every piece uniquely its own. These varied wood characteristics apply not only to sap pockets in each piece but also to variations in color that occur as the wood matures.

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Natural Aging Process of Cherry Wood



Cherry is more sensitive to light exposure than other species of wood. Cherry will typically deepen and mellow as it is exposed to any light source, including light bulbs and natural light. While it is impossible to accurately predict the shade of color, the speed, or the degree of darkening, know that it is a natural, unavoidable process and part of the allure of cherry wood.

This darkening depends on several factors, including the **intensity**, **area**, and **length of exposure to light**.

Intensity: The amount, type and intensity of light can lead to faster or slower darkening.

Area: Depending on the area of wood exposed to light, some cabinets, or even areas within the same cabinet, may darken faster than others.

Length: The darkening of cherry is faster initially and eventually tapers off as time passes. As such, any replacements may not initially match but will eventually catch up to the originals already installed.

Characteristics of Cherry Wood

Cherry is a close-grained, multicolored hardwood with occasional pin knots, and fine grain variations appearing as curls and waves.

- Small sap pockets, pin knots, and streaks
- Color ranges from pale yellow sapwood to deep reddish brown heartwood, with occasional shades of white, green, pink, red or even gray
- Staining reveals subtle variations and colors that typically darken over time
- Variations within a single door
- Lighter and more translucent stains will have a broader range of colors show through on finished items such as cabinets, doors, and drawer fronts.

We harvest the full tree and believe all variations and Cherry characteristics are beautiful. We do not sort or scrap the bold variations and believe this adds a charming uniqueness to the species and ultimately, your space.







