

The term Rustic refers to using material that presents a more authentic country, rural feel to the cabinetry. The cabinets are designed to include a large amount of character elements in the wood. These elements include:

- Knots – solid, with no loose material, the knots can be open up to 5/32”
- Heartwood and Sapwood – Heartwood is the center part of the log. It is usually darker than the surrounding Sapwood which is considered the “living” part of the tree. This is especially true with Hickory where the contrast can be dramatic.
- Pitch pockets – these are openings in the Sapwood where sap has accumulated
- Checks and splits – these are cracks in the wood where the wood cells have split
- Mineral streaks – form when trees absorb minerals from the soil and stain the wood fiber.

The Rustic cabinetry you buy can have some or all of these elements. They are distributed randomly by nature. This gives the cabinetry its rustic appeal.

### **The Third/Third/Third rule**

Having the entire cabinet be made of rustic material would be too much and overpower the room. The cabinets that have rustic parts are specified to have; one third Knots, one third rustic characteristics other than knots, and one third clear. This has proven to be the most aesthetically appealing ratio.

It is possible that a random door or drawer front will not have a knot or characteristic. This is by design for a better visual appearance and not considered a quality defect.

### **Rustic Hickory, Cherry, and Alder**

The Highland door style in hickory and the Arlington door style in cherry have Rustic as an option. This means that the door center panel and drawer fronts are changed to the rustic material. The cabinet frames, door frames, veneer end panels, and accessories are clear.

The Princeton Full Overlay and Concord door styles in Rustic Alder are available only in Rustic Alder. This means that along with the door center panel and drawer front, the door frame parts are rustic as well. Like hickory and cherry, the cabinet frames, veneer end panels, and accessories will be clear.