

**GRADE & QUALITY DESCRIPTION**

**Fraké Noir**

**GRADING CRITERIA** Fraké Noir (*Terminalia superba*) Cladding, Board, Trim.

**General Notes**

Walnut/chocolate brown colour tones with flame-like structure.

Thermally modified Limba.

The material presents well with very few defects—the occasional presence of small knots, resin pockets, and scattered pinholes.

Durability Class 1 (BS EN 350-1).

FSC Certified.

**Wood Fibre**

Finely drawn with a dark flame structure.

Occasional black streaking (some with thin pockets).

**Knots**

**Permitted**

The material is mostly free of defects, with the odd small knot present mainly on the back of the boards. These knots tend to be crumbly in appearance.

**Sap Wood**

**N/A**

**Compression Wood**

**Not permitted**

None present.

**Deformation (Warp)**

**Permitted**

Some curvature and twisting are permitted, providing proper installation of boards is possible.

**Checks**

**Permitted**

Occasional small surface checks permitted.

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## Splits

### Permitted

Short end splits permitted equal in length to the width of the board.

Splits may be present in small percentage of boards.

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## Torn or Raised Grain

### Permitted

Light torn or raised grain permitted.

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## Pinhole

### Permitted

Some pieces exhibit pinholes, though this is not sufficient to detract from the overall appearance.

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## Machine / Handling Marks

### Permitted

Minor marks/blemishes may be present.

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## Colour Variation

### Permitted

Walnut to chocolate brown colouring with some grey / black mineral streaking.

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## Notes

- Silva offers this information as a general guide to the main characteristics likely to be encountered in any shipment of Silva's Fraké Noir material.
- Since no two pieces of timber are identical, complete uniformity throughout a shipment is impossible.
- Grading is not an exact science because it is based on a visual inspection of each piece and the grader's judgment.
- Most boards will be fully usable; however, the installer will be required to trim some boards to remove undesirable defects.
- Boards are graded on one face only. Characteristics on the reverse side can be slightly more than those allowed on the face.
- Other minor wood characteristics not listed may occasionally be present but would not detract from the material's usability.
- On occasion, knot sizes and other characteristics may fall outside of the typical sizes quoted.
- Grading applies to the visible area of the board once installed. Minor damage to unseen edges such as the tongue is acceptable.
- To achieve a better finish quality to the boards' faces, we remove less material from the reverse side and more from the face side as the boards pass through the moulder. The reverse side is not machined to the same standard as the face, and therefore this product should not be considered 'dual-sided.'

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