

# A Complete Guide to Caribbean Heart Pine

Caribbean Heart Pine is known by many names, as it grows across two continents and dozens of countries. It thrives near coastal areas, including Honduras which is our source for this sustainably forested species. Why do I start with this part? Because this is not umbrella drink Caribbean, there are security fences and machine guns around some of the local mills used to produce these floors. We give you this information just like we do everything else, so that you can evaluate for yourself what is right for your project.

 PDF document [Great info on the species and management.](#)

## What is the difference between rustic and prime grade Caribbean Heart Pine?

Prime grade might be what you imagine when thinking about Heart Pine flooring, classic if you will. The colors are more uniform compared to our rustic grade, of course but there does exist enough variance to make it “interesting”. Prime Grade Caribbean Heart Pine will have a few tiny pin knots compared to the larger knots and sapwood in the Rustic grade. Prime Grade wide plank Caribbean Heart Pine screams luxury, email us for recent customer pictures and samples. And just in case you are wondering, prime costs about .60 more per square foot.



### Rustic Caribbean Heart Pine

Sometimes you feel like a knot, sometimes you don't! Rustic does not mean cheap or “country”, not always anyway. Rustic Caribbean Heart Pine can be found in some of the most expensive homes in the United States. How do we know? Because we sold the floors, and shipped them to those zip codes that should have dollar signs in them; plus the amazing

Montana, Idaho, and New Mexico ranches just to name a few. **Rustic Caribbean Heart Pine** contains more sapwood, as you would expect since sap comes from knots. The sapwood color, grain and knots differentiate the rustic from the prime grade, it is not about quality just your style.

### **Prime Grade Caribbean Heart Pine**

PRIME grade of Caribbean Heart Pine is uniform in color. Boards will contain a range from golden to a red brown heartwood, a uniform grain when it exists and very few pin knots if any. These amazing colors become more rich and will darken over time. This is a choice for those that want elegance. This floor needs only oil to be transported back in time. Prime grade is virtually clear of defects except occasional small pin knots. Color is more consistent and harmonious, with a high degree of red heartwood and limited sapwood.

Prime Grade does not have what we call character but it certainly has plenty of charm. Prime Grade Caribbean Heart Pine is the great substitute for antique



reclaimed heart pine; “tell them it came out of Benjamin Franklin’s boyhood home, and they will never know it”(contractor 2019). The question: create the age or pay for it, i.e., Antiqued New or Antique Reclaimed Heart Pine. The d added to antique means a process not a declaration of age. In fact, Antiquing is the act of creating age, which becomes much easier with the right materials. Caribbean Heart

Pine meets all the criteria in either grade, prime or rustic.

### **Customer Testimonials for Caribbean Heart Pine**

Ask for a customer close to you and they will tell you something like this. “I was extremely pleased with the product and service. We ordered 3,000 SQ of Caribbean heart pine, it looks gorgeous. Furthermore, the floor has held up very well to scratches from several large dogs. Jason and Heather were both extremely informative, friendly, and helpful and were amazingly effective communicators throughout the entire process – and followed up after shipment to make sure we were satisfied. I highly recommend this company and its product and have referred them to others.” (John S. 2017)



### **Pick-Up Locations for Caribbean Heart Pine**

Yes, we offer pick up warehouse locations in New Orleans (home port), South Carolina, and New Jersey (when available). The only caveat being that because of local brick and mortar distributors, professionals picking up should never... drive the company truck.

