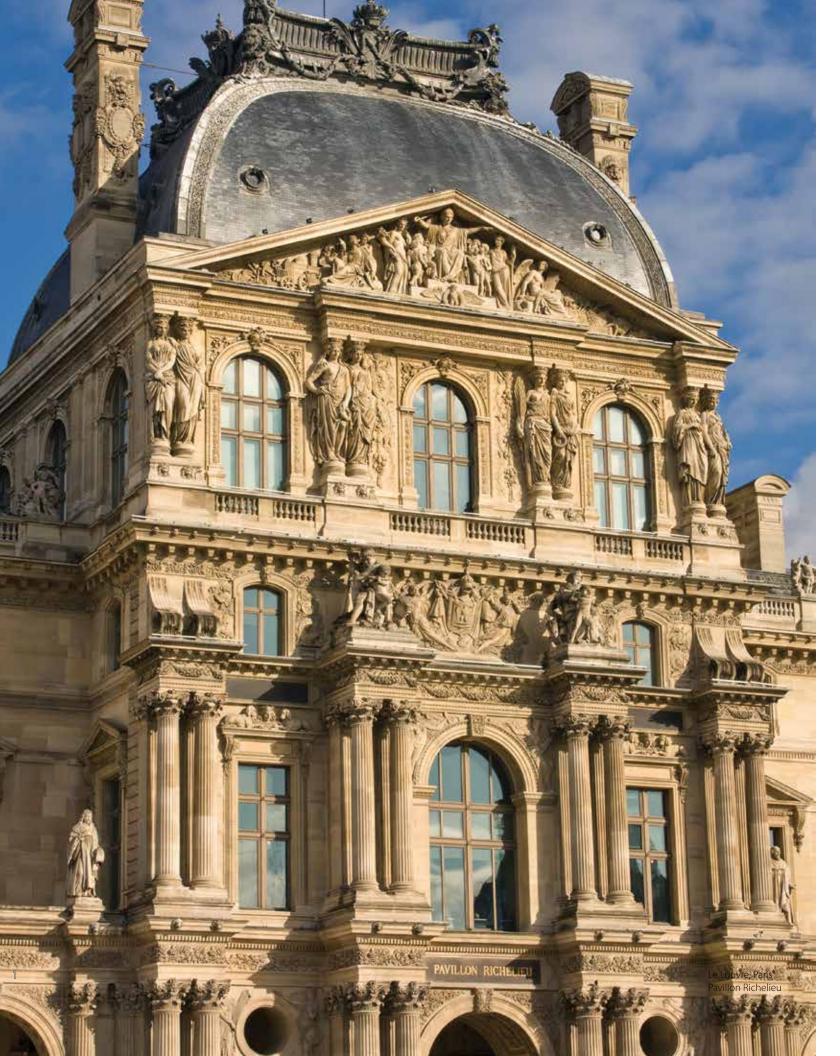


Limestone



Limestone has a rich history of use throughout the world and can be found in some of the most important and well-known buildings still standing today: the pyramids of Egypt, European cathedrals and museums, castles of the French Renaissance.

The timeless characteristics of limestone translate well to contemporary residential and commercial applications:

Limestone is versatile, offering a range of colors with subtle patterning that is sure to complement any design.

Limestone is durable and wears well over time, making it an ideal choice for both interior and exterior installations.

Limestone is easy to build with, can be cut and carved to accommodate any space, and can be finished with a variety of textures.

This natural material is not only beautiful and functional, it creates a sophisticated, elegant atmosphere that will add value to any space while still feeling comfortable and welcoming.

Providing the perfect stone for architects, designers, and builders to achieve their vision and elevate their designs is our priority.

At Haussmann Natural Stone we take pride in the stone we supply and strive to bring the rich tradition and quality of fine limestone to modern structures.

INSPIRATION FROM THE FIRST CIVIL ENGINEER



We are often asked about the origin of our company's name. It dates back to June 22, 1853 when Baron Haussmann was commissioned by Napoleon III to modernize Paris which was, at the time, a medieval city. Haussmann's most pressing challenge was to widen avenues and establish multiple railway stations around the city to improve traffic circulation.

Once he started, however, Haussmann realized this would be an enormous and complex undertaking. Paris needed to be renovated and updated while maintaining its celebrated building designs. With this in mind, Haussmann went to work and transformed over 60 percent of the city's buildings all while staying loyal to their inspiration. Today, those structures are known as having "Haussmannian style" architecture.

Today's architects and designers are faced with a similar task (though on a much smaller scale) of incorporating natural stone into modern architecture. Our company is inspired by Baron Haussmann because like him, we seek to integrate traditional materials into contemporary standards of design.



As a natural product, limestone requires knowledge and understanding. Density, finish, and how a stone is quarried are all influences on final selection. The most common misconception about limestone is that it is a soft stone. In reality, limestone can range from very hard to very soft. It should be chosen specifically for how it will be used in the final design while still taking aesthetic preference into account.

A few benefits of limestone include:

- Durability and sustainability
- Temperature and humidity control
- Various color tones that can complement bold architectural features
- Easy to clean and maintain

ASTM International (formerly the American Society for Testing and Materials) classifies limestone in three categories:

Class I (Light Duty): Soft limestone best used for dimensional pieces and carving. Most buildings in Paris use these types of stones.

Class II (Medium Duty): These stones can be used in thin cladding and residential flooring as well as bath applications.

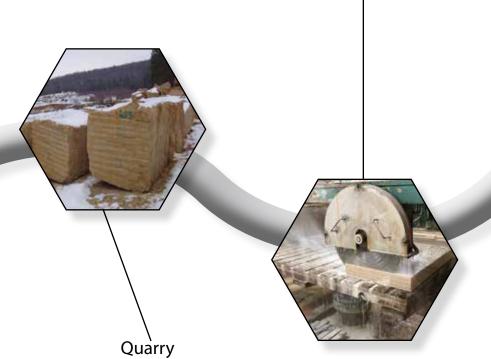
Class III (Heavy Duty): The French call these limestones "Pierres Marbrières," or literally, marble-like limestones. Comparable in hardness and porosity to harder marbles, these stones can be used in heavy commercial traffic applications and countertops.

A good example of how the correct stone was chosen for the corresponding building application is Le Louvre in Paris. While the original building was built with soft limestone, Saint Maximim, the new interior extension is cladded in a medium duty stone, Magny Doré. Also, the new interior flooring is a heavy duty limestone from the Chassagne quarry in France and able to withstand the foot traffic of 8 million visitors a year.



Cutting

We are sometimes referred to as the "cut-to-size" company since we work with factories to produce virtually any size stone required for a project. Multiple types of saws and machines are used to cut blocks into slabs, tiles, and custom pieces.



We have spent years building relationships with quarries across the world and understand how they work and which stones they are best at supplying. By having direct contact with the quarries, we can ensure our strict requirements for quality are met starting with block selection.

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To ensure excellent quality control, we are on site at factories more than any other distributor. Often, we do our own in-person product inspections. When needed, we utilize the skills of our trusted local inspectors.

Installation

We prefer to work closely with installers to ensure correct quantities are ordered and the unique challenges of each project are handled properly. We are often found on site during installation so we can be accountable for our limestone all the way through project completion.



Logistics are controlled by carefully screened shipping agents who are familiar with our factories and the specific needs of transporting our products safely. We have various freight options at our disposal which allow us to accommodate even the most demanding deadlines.

Surface finishes are applied to slabs and tile by machine or by hand to achieve the desired effect.

In addition to standard finishes, we are also able to supply custom surface textures for a truly unique reflection of limestone.

Finishing



PROJECT PROCESS

Estimating

We thoroughly study the scope of the project and break down each stone, format, and finish to provide an accurate, itemized budget.





Visual representations of the project are created to ensure all details are captured correctly. These drawings take the designer's vision and add the details required for proper installation and factory production. Cut Tickets are the direct link between the installer and the factory overseas.



Control samples showing the expected color variation and surface finish are key to client satisfaction. Approval of these samples is required to ensure there are no surprises in the range and finish of the final product.

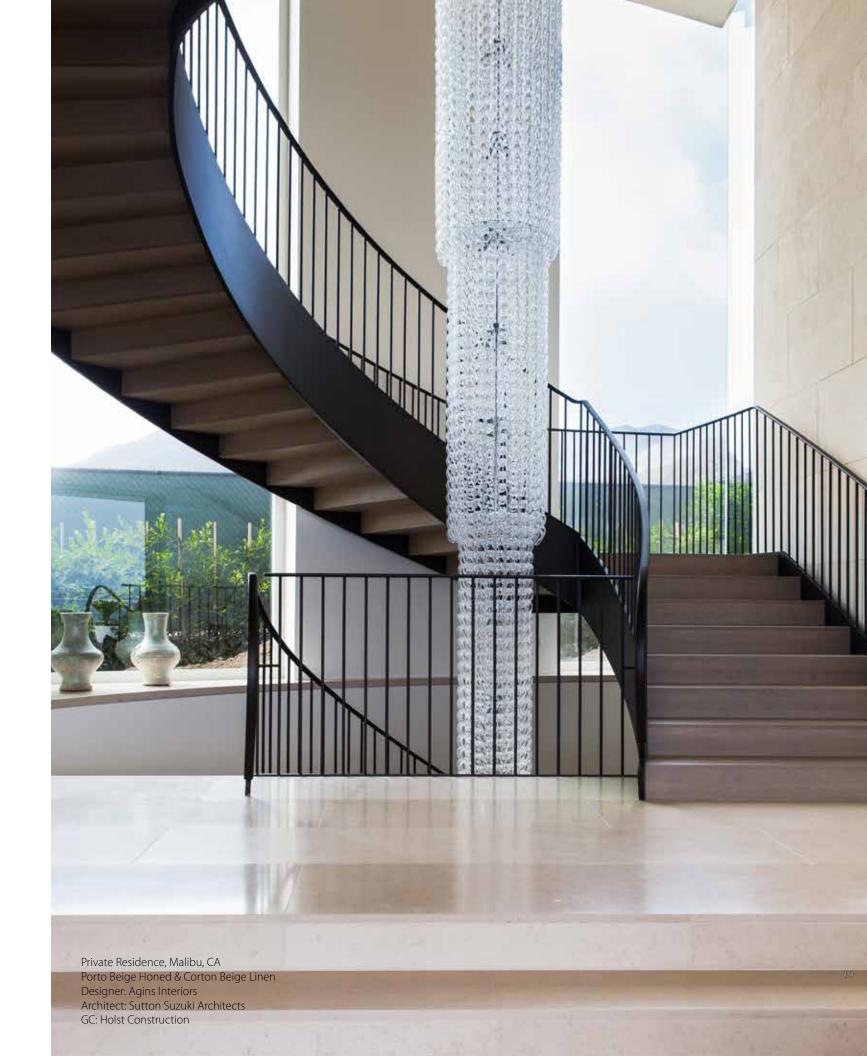


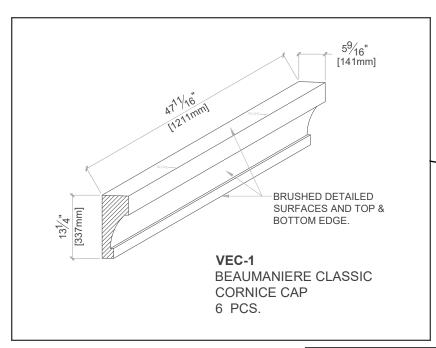
Once cut tickets and control samples are approved, material is put into production. Our long-standing relationships with experienced factories enable us to confidently produce high quality material that in turn allows architects and designers to achieve their vision.

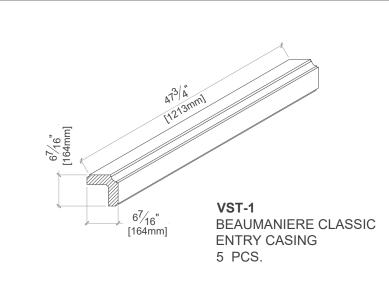
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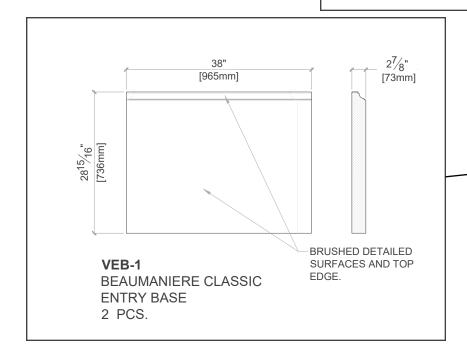
Upon arrival, each project is evaluated to ensure the proper components are delivered and are within the approved contractual range.

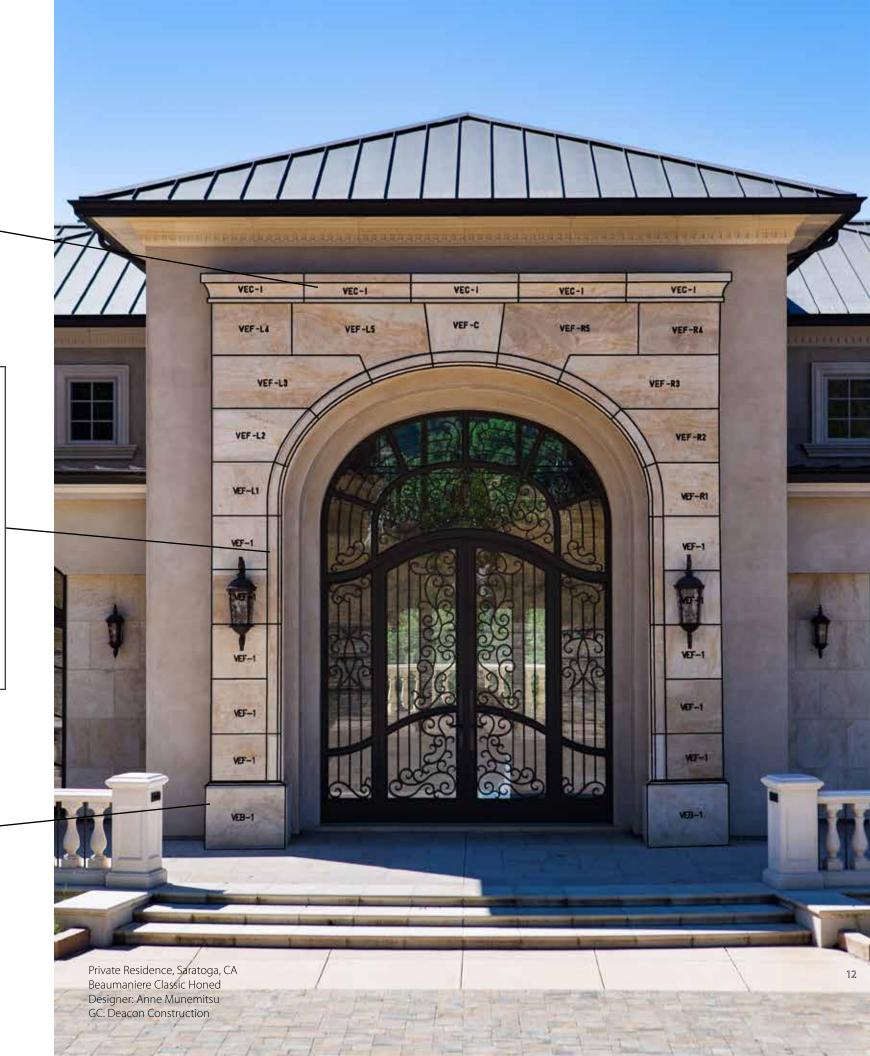














CLASS III: HEAVY DUTY STONES







Belair (H)



Rianco Carrara (H)



Bordeaux Beige (PA)







Buxy Beige (H)













Lave Grise (H)



London Grey (H)



Jura Grey (H)



Lave Noire (H)



Noir Sully (H)



Pierre Noire (H)





Pompignan (H)



Porto Beige (H)

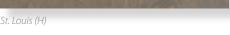


Ramon Grey Gold (H)











Sancerre (PA)



Villebois Jaune (H)



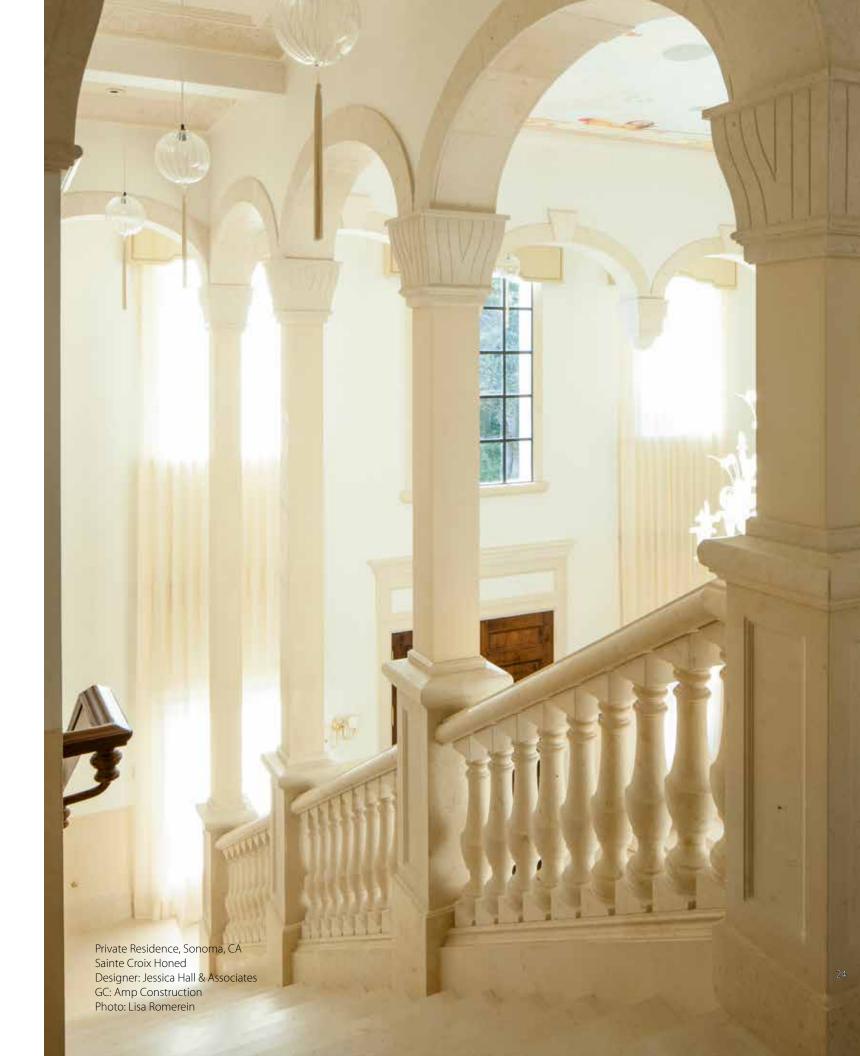
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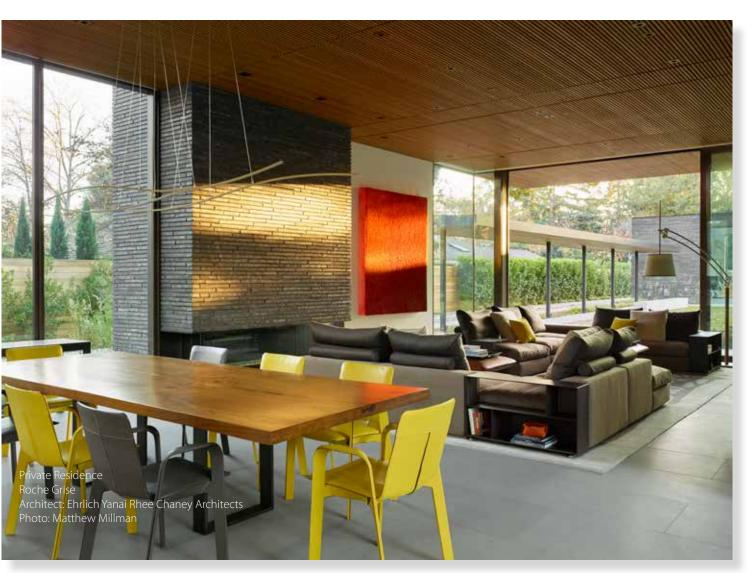










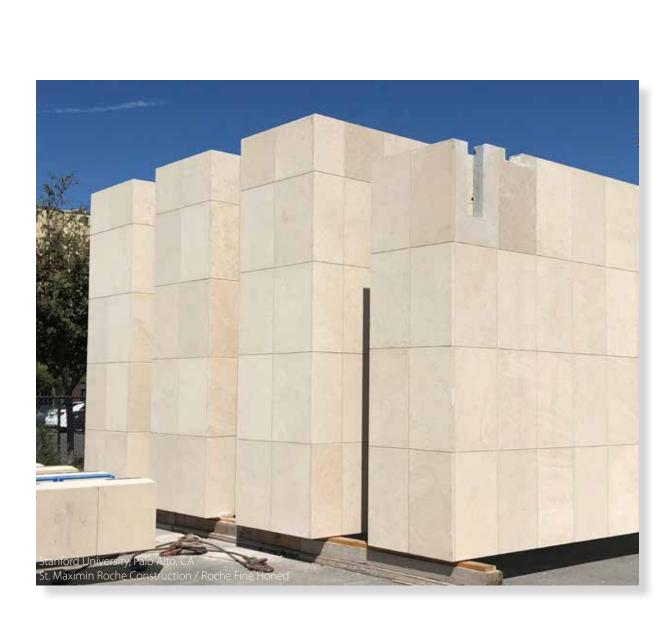


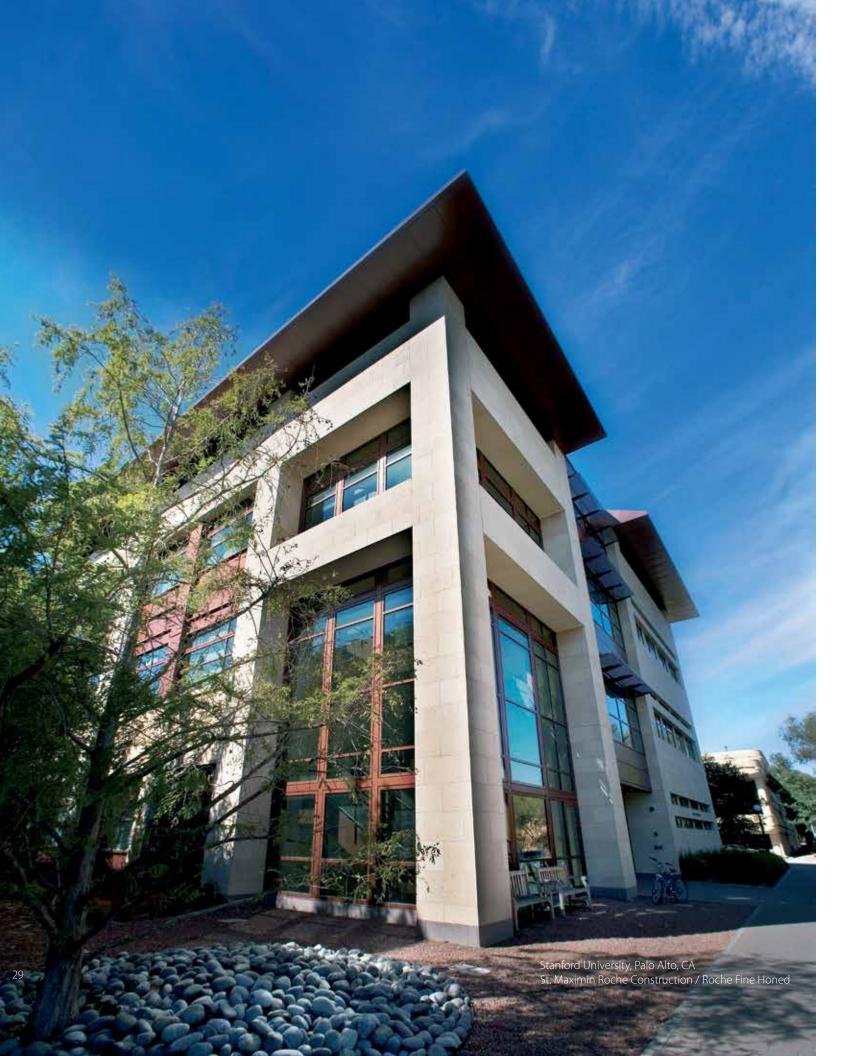
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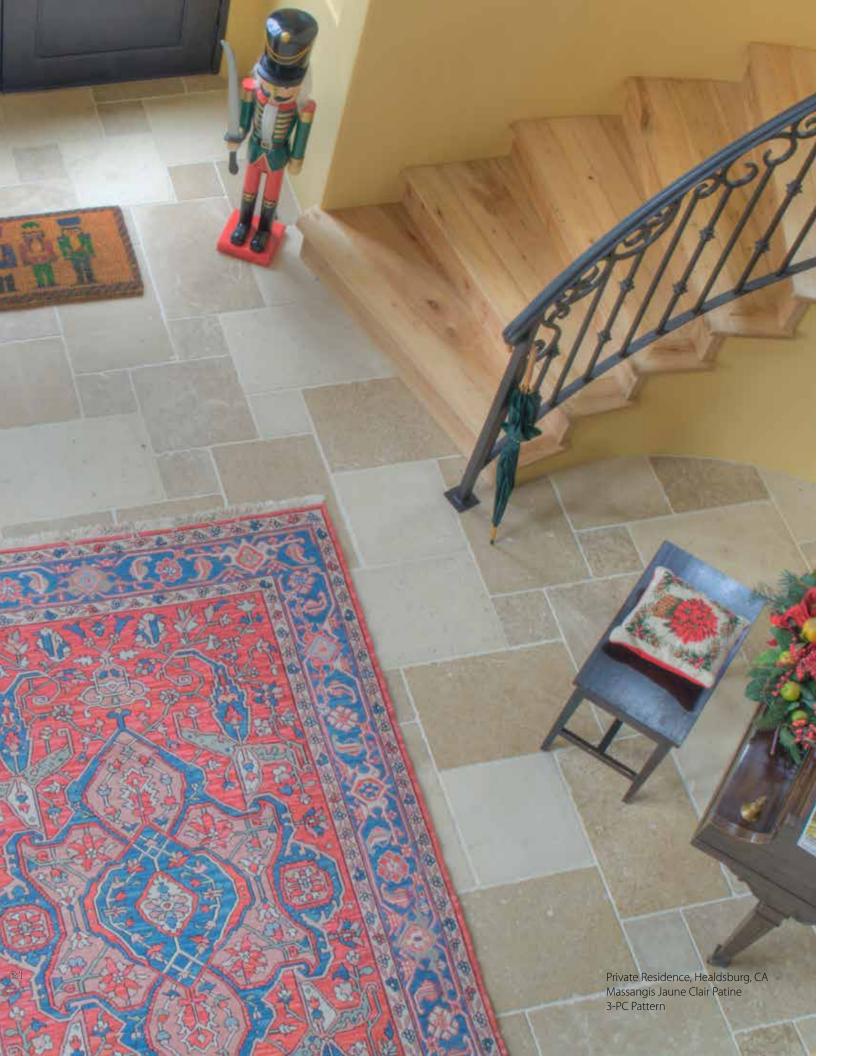


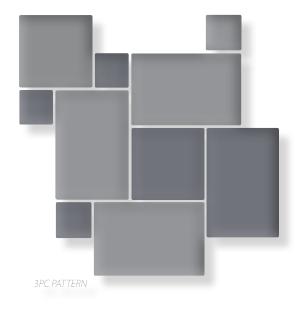












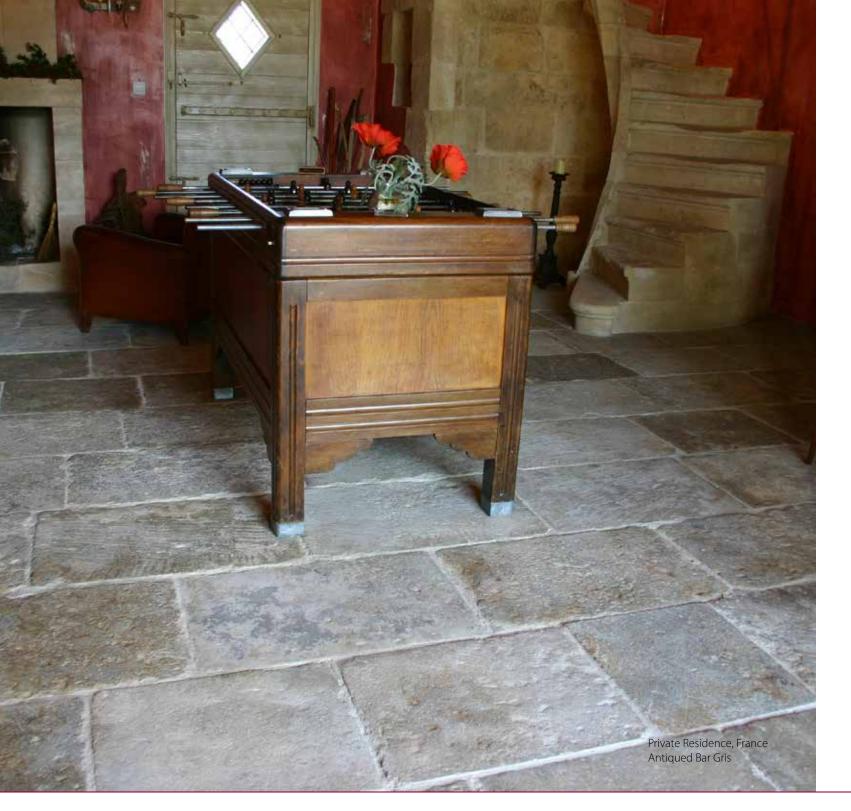






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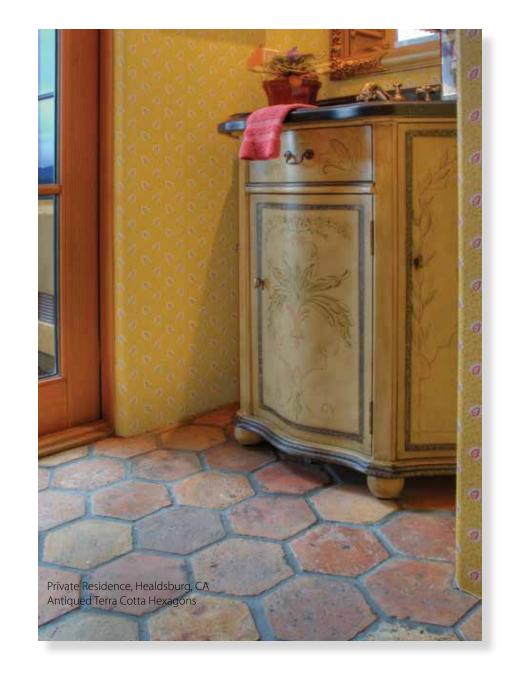




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RECLAIM PROCESS









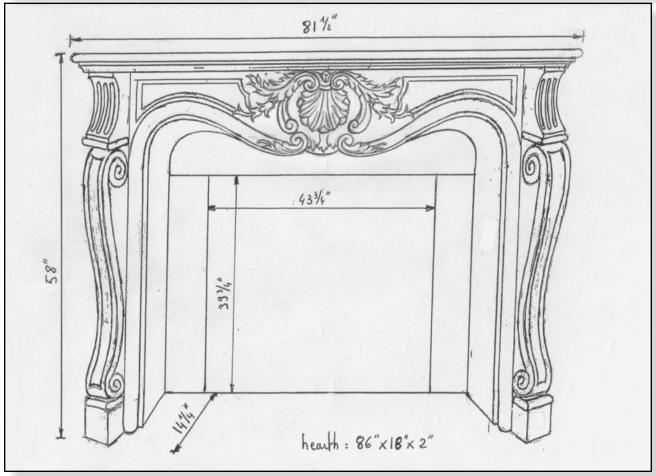




CUSTOM FIREPLACES







FINISHES









SPECIFICATIONS

Material		Page	Class	Variation	Stock		Finishes Fre												Freeze/				
	Origin				Tile	Slab	Н	Α	В	вн	F	L	Li	МВН		Р	PA	S	SB	SF	Т	TU	Thaw
Albi	Spain	26	П	Limited																			
Ampilly	France	26	Ш	Moderate																			*
Antique Dore	Israel	26	Ш	Limited																			
Bardiglio	Italy	16	III	Moderate																			
Bateig Beige	Spain	26	Ш	Limited																			
Bateig Blue	Spain	26	Ш	Limited																			
Beaumaniere Classic	France	26	Ш	Moderate																			*
Belair	Portugal	16	Ш	Limited																			
Bianco Carrara	Italy	16	Ш	Limited																			*
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Bordeaux Gris	France	16	Ш	Wide																			*
Buxy Beige	France	16	Ш	Wide																			*
Cecina	Egypt	17	III	Moderate																			
Champagne	Turkey	27	Ш	Limited																			
Comblanchien	France	17	Ш	Moderate																			
Corton Beige	Egypt	17	Ш	Limited																			*
Cote d'Azur	Spain	17	Ш	Moderate																			
Cote d'Or	Spain	17	III	Moderate																			
Crema Marfil	Spain	17	III	Moderate																			
Fonjone/Gascogne Beige	Portugal	18	III	Limited																			
Fontainebleau/Gascogne Blue	Portugal	18	III	Limited																			
Fossil Oro	Egypt	18	III	Moderate																			
Hauteville	France	18	III	Moderate																			*
Heather Grey	Egypt	18	III	Wide																			
Jerusalem Gold	Israel	18	III	Moderate																			
Jura Beige	Germany	20	III	Moderate																			
Jura Grey	Germany	20	III	Moderate																			
Lanvignes	France	27	Ш	Moderate																			*
Lave Grise	Vietnam	20	III	Limited																			*
Lave Noire	Vietnam	20	III	Limited																			*
London Grey	Portugal	20	III	Wide																			
Massangis	France	27	П	Wide																			
Moca Crème	Portugal	27	П	Limited																			
Noir Sully	Belgium	20		Limited																			*
Pierre Noire	China	21	III	Limited																			*
Pistache	Turkey	21	III	Limited																			*
Pompignan	France	21	III	Wide																			
Porto Beige	Portugal	21	III	Limited																			
Ramon Grey Gold	Israel	21	III	Wide																			*
Roche Grise	Italy	27	II.	Limited																			*
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Saint Louis	Portugal	23	III	Limited																			
Saint Marc Dore	France	28		Limited																			*
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Sancerre	Egypt	23	III	Limited																			
Tao	China	23	III	Limited																			*
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* May be used outside in areas that experience freeze/thaw conditions

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FINISHES: H - Honed, A- Antique, B - Bamboo, BH - Bush-hammered, F - Flamed, L - Leather, Li - Linen, MBH - Micro Bush-hammered, OW - Old World, P - Polished, PA - Patine, S- Sawn, SB - Sand-blasted, SF - Split-Face, T - Tooled, TU - Tumbled

GENERAL PRODUCT INFORMATION

Usage, Installation and Care of Natural Stone

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Sealing is an essential step in protecting the beauty and ensuring the longevity of a Haussmann Natural Stone product. We recommend sealing all natural stone products with a penetrating sealer, such as Dry-Treat Stain-Proof or MORE Premium Stone Sealer. Please consult a Haussmann Natural Stone sales representative to find out which type of sealer product is appropriate for your material. In addition, we recommend sealing all porous non-polished stones (limestone, marble, travertine, etc.) prior to grouting. This prevents grout from staining or affecting the color of the stone. As part of a normal maintenance procedure, all natural stone products require re-sealing on a regular basis. Please consult the manufacturer of your sealer to find out the time frame for re-sealing based on traffic patterns and use.

Please note: Haussmann Natural Stone provides recommendations for sealing products as a service to consumers only. Haussmann Natural Stone does not warranty, and will not be responsible for, any claims regarding sealers.

CONTINUING CARE AND CLEANING RECOMMENDATIONS

Stone is a natural product, and care should be taken to protect it from harsh abrasive cleaners and abrasive cleaning tools. While the right product for cleaning specific stones varies, we generally recommend products such as MORE Surface Cleaner & Protector. As with other flooring products, stone tile floors may require occasional professional cleaning to maintain or restore their natural appearance.

KEY TO USAGE GUIDE FOR NATURAL STONE PRODUCTS

rability Codes

The following codes provide a general guide for the appropriate application of Haussmann Natural Stone products. Please discuss your specific application environment with a sales representative before finalizing your selections.

Class I (Light Duty) – These stones are suitable for vertical applications and dimensional pieces with the exception of steam showers. They are not generally recommended for paving applications.

Class II (Medium Duty) – These stones are intended for use in all interior residential applications, including patio areas*, flooring, and countertops**. These stones are also appropriate for many commercial applications such as light traffic*** interior flooring, exterior* and interior vertical applications.

Class III (Heavy Duty) – These stones are extremely hard, making them suitable for all light and medium duty applications as well as most interior and exterior* commercial applications. Recommended uses include heavy traffic*** residential and commercial flooring and other areas that require maximum durability.

*Some Medium and Heavy Duty stones cannot be used in exterior applications in areas that experience freeze/thaw conditions. Please consult the specification sheet for this information.

**Some Heavy Duty stones may be subject to scratching or etching when used as countertops. Please see notes about stone countertops located in the left column of this page.

*** Light, Medium, and Heavy traffic refer to pedestrian traffic only. If stone is to be installed in an area with vehicular traffic, please contact a Haussmann Natural Stone sales representative to inquire about thickness and installation requirements.

Variation and Uniformity Codes

Natural stones are products of nature and no two pieces are exactly alike. All natural stones have unique variations and inclusions that are impossible to show in a photograph or sample. For this reason, all stone tile and slabs should be unpacked and inspected prior to installation. Haussmann Natural Stone cannot accept claims for variation in any stone after installation.

Limited Variation – Stones in this category are relatively uniform in background color, veining, and movement.

Moderate Variation – Stones in this category exhibit some variation in background color, veining, and movement. Blending these materials during installation is strongly recommended to ensure satisfactory results.

Wide Variation – Stones in this category exhibit a wide range of variation in color, veining, and movement. Blending these materials during installation is required to ensure satisfactory results.

CLAIMS AND ALLOWANCES

Installation constitutes acceptance. Claims regarding color range, finish and tolerances can only be made prior to installation.

Shipping claims need to be documented upon receipt of material on the freight carrier's BOL. If damage is not noted, claims will not be accepted.

Haussmann Natural Stone's liability is limited to material only and excludes labor charges related to installation or removal of product.

INSTALLATION

Because the purchase of natural stone for a home or commercial project represents a significant investment, proper installation is critical. To help ensure a successful installation, please take note of the steps outlined below:

- Select your installer or fabricator with consideration and care. We also recommend that you request referrals from previous clients before making your final decision.
- Make sure your installer understands the special patterns or blending requirements that are part of the job. To ensure satisfactory results, we strongly recommend blending all tiles before installation.
- See that your installer reviews and understands any special installation procedures recommended for specific products.
- For specific questions or accepted industry standards, please refer to the following sources:

Natural Stone Institute

380 E Lorain St. Oberlin, OH 44074 PH: 440-250-9222; www.naturalstoneinstitute.org

Tile Council of North America

100 Clemson Research Blvd. Anderson, SC 29625 PH: 864-646-8453; www.TCNAtile.com

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Regarding Honed Stone Tile

Stone tile with a honed finish is a popular choice for flooring. Specific stones react differently to the honing process due to the stone's hardness and composition. Some very hard stones may show slight swirl marks or unevenness in surface finish that may become apparent when the stone is exposed to reflective light. This is not considered a defect, but a natural characteristic of the stone. Please carefully inspect your purchase of honed stone tile before installation. If you find the finish unacceptable, please notify Haussmann Natural Stone. No allowances or claims will be accepted for swirl marks or uneven finishing after installation.

Regarding Installing Natural Stone Products in a Shower

Haussmann Natural Stone recommends that the substrate beneath, and pertaining to, the tiling of shower walls and floors with natural stone products (tiles, mosaics, slabs) has a waterproof membrane system installed prior to the installation of tile. No allowances or claims will be accepted for damage to natural stone products installed in a shower that does not have a waterproof membrane system.

Regarding Stone Countertops

Natural stone can make an excellent surface for kitchen countertops, bars, and lavatory tops. The life and enjoyment of your natural stone countertop will be enhanced by observing a few simple procedures:

- Never cut directly on your countertop always use a cutting board
- Clean up liquid spills promptly
- Use a trivet or hot pad between countertop and very hot cookware
- Do not use harsh abrasive cleaners or cleaning pads
- Be aware that acidic materials such as lemon juice and vinegar can etch some stone surfaces, especially limestone, marble, and travertine
- Because normal wear and tear can affect even the most durable stone, you may experience some scratching and chipping over time

Regarding Moisture Barrier and Antifracture Membrane

When stone is installed on a concrete slab at ground level, it is the responsibility of the buyer and installer to ensure that a proper moisture barrier is in place prior to installation.

Regarding Porous Materials

For porous materials, some efflorescence and/or spotting from the setting material may occur during installation of thin (3/8") tiles. Sealing the back of the tile prior to installation of the stone will help prevent such occurrences.

Regarding Installation in Freeze/Thaw Conditions

Materials suitable for use as flooring in areas that experience freeze/thaw conditions must be installed on a slope to allow for water drainage and have waterproof grout joints.

INDUSTRY ACCEPTABLE TOLERANCES

Industry standards allow for variation from a specified value regarding size, thickness, etc. of natural stone products. Material should fall within the range of specified tolerances as outlined in the Natural Stone Institute's Dimension Stone Design Manual. Haussmann Natural Stone will not accept claims for variation within approved ranges.

