

# INTERWOOD

## Veneer Visions



### East Indian Laurel (*Terminalia elliptica*)

Our Vice President, Rick Banas, who has over 45 years of experience in the veneer industry, visited Europe this past February. Fortunately, he was able to return to the United States just prior to the travel ban, which was placed on all travel from Europe. As Covid-19 was peaking in the western part of the continent, ultimately shutting down much of our country in March. While Rick was in Europe, he was able to secure a unique, “one of a kind,” highly contrasted, and large dimension quartered East Indian Laurel log. This log has some bundles over 13 feet in length, and 10” wide.

East Indian Laurel is a moderately hard wood originating from India, Myanmar, Nepal, and other parts of southeast Asia. It is most commonly used for furniture, cabinetry, and paneling. However, you are likely to find a large amount of specialty items made from it as well, most notable are acoustic guitars, and drum shells.

