Rift White Oak

North American-grown White Oak is a heavy, strong wood. Rift cutting, or cutting at an angle to the grain, creates a straight grain pattern with very little of the open, “swirly” grain found in quarter-sawn Red Oak.

Rift White Oak (RWO) features light-colored sapwood and light grey to dark brown heartwood, which can appear together on the same board. It is mostly straight grained with a medium to coarse texture, and may include mineral streaks and small pin knots.

While RWO shares the same characteristics for strength and durability that Red Oak is known for, the milling process creates a very different grain pattern. RWO, at far left, is much straighter grained, without the loops & swirls of Red Oak.

Logs are quartered and boards are sawn at an angle.