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## **Honed Natural Stone Countertop Disclaimer**

Honed countertops (marble, granite, and limestone) have been the countertop of choice throughout Europe over the centuries. The discerning culinary aficionados who want the aesthetical attributes that only honed materials will bring to their kitchens have sought after the sophisticated, smooth texture of honed natural stone. People who choose this exceptional finish for their counter surface understand and accept the following:

- 1. Honed stone requires additional maintenance, i.e. more frequent applications of sealer to help the stone resist staining.
- 2. Oils from foods or even your hands may be more visible than on other material or stone finishes.
- 3. Darker honed materials may be more apt to show scratches or "traffic" patterns.
- 4. There can be no certainty on how a honed countertop will age. The ageing process for each kitchen will be unique, depending upon a combination of both the material selected and the care and maintenance habits selected by the homeowner.

Understanding the above characteristics of honed material will help you to enjoy the qualities that can only be realized with honed natural stone.