



ITEM# UJKA011

CURRENTLY AVAILABLE ON CONSIGNMENT

A TOMOTSUGU KATANA

SIGNED, MUROMACHI PERIOD (CIRCA 15TH CENTURY)

Swordsmith: *Uda School TOMOTSUGU*
Location: Etchu province (modern-day Toyama)
Measurements: **Length:** 75.0cm (ubu) **Curvature:** 3cm(!) **Moto-haba:** 3.2cm
Jihada: *Itame* (wood grain pattern)
Hamon: *Gunome midare*
Certificate: **NBTHK Tokubetsu Hozon** (a sword designated as *Especially Worthy of Conservation by the Society for the Preservation of the Japanese Art Sword*)
Included: Custom koshirae, shirasaya, brocade carry bags, sword stand, maintenance kit, DVD, printed care guide, sword is currently in the United States

SOLD

Some katanas radiate invincibility. This is one such Samurai sword. Behold a two-character, ubu nakago, signed by Uda School Tomotsugu katana with a cutting edge of 75cm and a wicked 3cm in curvature. It is a sword that captures the imagination, and holds it.

There were a number of talented swordsmiths signing Tomotsugu from the Uda School in Etchu province nestled on the Sea of Japan. They can be traced back to the 14th century Nambokucho period with influences deriving from Yamato and Soshu traditions. This is clearly one of the finest swords ever produced by the school during the Muromachi period, circa 15th century.

The katana carries a wonderful *gunome midare hamon* that surfs itself the length of the blade and a robust *itame* hada. It's hard not to be in awe of its energy when holding this sword.

The katana was initially housed only in its protective shirasaya. As such, a custom koshirae was built for the client. This was one of the first katanas ever sold at Unique Japan and our first major custom koshirae project that pays tribute to the sea and of good fortune. The sword is now available on consignment and currently resides in the United States.

Please review images below and here: <http://new.uniquejapan.com/a-tomotsugu-katana/>



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鑑定書

一 刀 銘 友次 (宇多) 長二尺四寸八分

右は當協會に於て審査の結果特別保存刀剣と鑑定しこれを証する

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A Tomotsugu Katana

Uda School, Etchu Province
Length: 75cm / Curvature: 3cm

Signed, Muromachi Period (circa 15th century)
Custom koshirae depicting waves, cranes and loyal geese