



ITEM# UJKA132

A KO-NAMINOHIRA TACHI

UNSIGNED, HEIAN - KAMAKURA PERIOD (1150~1250)

Swordsmith: Ko-Naminohira School (attribution)
Location: Satsuma no Kuni (Kagoshima prefecture)
Measurements: Length: 73.0cm Curvature: 2.7cm Motohaba: 2.83cm
Jihada: Masame and Ayasugi-hada
Hamon: Chu suguha
Nakago: O-suriage (close to original length)
Certificate: NBTHK Hozon (a sword designated as Worthy of Conservation by the Society for the Preservation of the Japan Art Sword)
Included: Shirasaya, carry bag, sword stand, maintenance kit, DVD, printed care guide, exportation paperwork to home country

SOLD

The Naminohira School has its roots from the Late Heian period (~794-1184). They worked exclusively for the Satsuma clan and adhered to a rule known as *Isshi-soden*, which meant that the secrets of their trade could only be passed down to one's son or a single student.

What we have here is an incredible sword that is 800 years old. This is a classic curved tachi that would have been proudly carried by horse-mounted Samurai. The deeply curved blade, with a unique groove and its distinctive *ayasugi-hada* (waves of straight grain hada) is pure eye candy.

Nami is "wave" and, *Hira* means "flat". Together this translates to be "Calm Seas". Naminohira swords were, in fact, popular with the Japanese Navy given the positive omen and superb quality of workmanship. A touch-up polish is soon to be completed to lift her to greater heights.

Sword was registered in Showa 26 (1951), *Daimyo-toroku*, one of the first swords registered in Japan when they started the process. What amazing stories this sword can share...