



ITEM# UJKA236

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A KUNIMICHI KATANA

SIGNED, EARLY EDO PERIOD (KAN'EI ERA: 1624~1644)

Swordsmith:	<i>Dewa Daijo Fujiwara Kunimichi</i>		
Location:	Yamashiro province (Kyoto)		
Measurements:	Length: 71.5cm (suriage to Jo-sun)	Curvature: 1.8cm	Weight: 837g
Jihada:	<i>Dense mokume (in beautiful polish)</i>		
Hamon:	<i>Yakidashi suguha with gunome midare, kinsen, sunagashi and Mishina boshi</i>		
Certificate:	NBTHK Tokubetsu Hozon (a sword designated as Especially Worthy of Preservation by the Society for the Preservation of the Japanese Art Sword)		
Fujishiro:	Jojo-saku (ranked as a highly superior swordsmith)		
Asaemon:	Wazamono (rated as a maker of sharp swords)		
Included:	Shirasaya, koshirae, fabric bags, stand, kit, DVD, booklet, description		

\$17,700

Born in 1596, Kunimichi is one of the finest swordsmiths from the Edo period. Ranked *Jojo-saku*, a highly superior smith, he studied under both *Iga no Kami Kinmichi* of the *Mishina* school and grandmaster *Horikawa Kunihiro*. He is considered Kunihiro's most accomplished student.

This handsome katana has just been polished by a *mukansa* rated polisher and stands in sublime condition. The eye-catching *hamon* starts off *suguha* (straight) and then billows into a flamboyant *gunome midare hamon* with *tobiyaki*, *sunagashi* and *kinsuji*. This sword has recently been imported from Japan into the UK. It has a lovely custom *koshirae* with a wise and noble message.

Please watch video introduction (19-min): <https://youtu.be/27hiuAdr7IE>