



ITEM# UJWA152

A KANEWAKA MATASUKE WAKIZASHI SIGNED, EARLY EDO PERIOD (MEIREKI ERA: 1655-1658)

Swordsmith:	Kashu ju KANEWAKA (2nd generation, Matasuke)
Location:	Kaga no Kuni (Ishikawa prefecture)
Length:	41.8cm
Curvature:	1.4cm Motohaba: 2.9cm
Jihada:	<i>Ko-itame</i>
Hamon:	<i>Gunome-midare and hako shape hamon with tobiyaki</i>
Nakago:	<i>Ubu-nakago, shiri (slightly trimmed), katte sagari yasuri</i>
Certificate:	NTHK-NPO Kanteisho (a sword designated as Important by the Society for the Preservation of the Japanese Sword)
Fujishiro:	Jo-Saku (a superior swordsmith)
Included:	Koshirae, carry bag, sword stand, maintenance kit, DVD, printed care guide, exportation paperwork to home country

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The Kanewaka name from Kaga province is held in the highest regard as they produced top-quality swords for notable Daimyo (great families). It is said that any Samurai (even a poor Samurai) that carried a Kanewaka sword would be make a suitable partner!

This sword has recently been polished and can now be further appreciated as the steel displays all the hallmarks of a wonderful Kanewaka School sword. Note the beautiful temper spots known as *tobiyaki* on the blade that now jump off the sword.

Sword has full *koshirae* mounts that feature a *tsuba* (guard) with gold accents of that is emblematic of the artwork from the Kaga region. *Fuchi-kashira* depicts the much-loved *ume* (plum blossom) - the flower of peace and good fortune. **Note! We just acquired a katana made by the son of this smith (making this a potential father/son daisho!).** Be sure to scroll further down the catalogue to Item# UJKA130 for details on the katana by *Shirouemon*.