



ITEM# UJWA157

A MOTOHIRA O-WAKIZASHI

SIGNED & DATED: THE 2ND YEAR OF KANSEI (1790), FEBRUARY

- Swordsmith:** Oku Yamato no Kami Taira no Ason MOTOHIRA
Location: Satsuma no Kuni (Kagoshima prefecture)
Measurements: Length: 57.9cm Curvature: 1.1cm Motohaba: 3.1cm
Jihada: Tight ko-itame and jinie
Hamon: Gunome-midare with konie, togariba, deep nioi, ashi, bright kinsen, sunagashi
Nakago: Ubu-nakago, sujikai yasuri
Certificate: NBTHK Hozon (a sword designated as Worthy of Conservation by the Society for the Preservation of the Japan Art Sword) & just awarded NTHK-NPO Yushuto!
Fujishiro: Jojo-saku (highly superior swordsmith)
Included: Shirasaya, carry bag, sword stand, maintenance kit, DVD, printed care guide, exportation paperwork to home country

SOLD

This powerful **o-wakizashi** by *Jojo-saku* smith Motohira is nearly the length of a katana, custom built as such. It has so much *hataraki* (activity) within the gorgeous wavy *gunome-midare* hamon that something new will strike the owner's eye each and every time it's picked up and admired.

Motohira is broadly recognized as one of the finest smiths of the late Edo period who worked under the patronage of the Satsuma Shimazu family. Sword was registered in Showa 26 (1951), *Daimyo-toroku*, one of the first swords registered in Japan, as the serial number is just 801(!).