



ITEM# UJWA198

A NOSHU KANEFUSA WAKIZASHI

SIGNED, LATE MUROMACHI PERIOD (TENSHO ERA: 1573-1592)

Swordsmith: *Noshu Seki Ju KANEFUSA*

Measurements: **Length:** 59.3cm **Curvature:** 2.1cm **Moto-haba:** 2.9cm

Jihada: *Mokume (burl wood grain pattern)*

Hamon: *Togari gunome midare*

Nakago: *Suriage (slightly shortened)*

Certificate x 2: **NBTHK Tokubetsu Kicho** (*a sword and koshirae both designated as Especially Precious by the Society for the Preservation of the Japan Art Sword*)

Included: Edo-period koshirae, shirasaya, carry bags, sword stand, maintenance kit, DVD, booklet, printed description. **Sword is currently in the UK.**

SOLD

This is superb one-handed fighting sword (known as *katate-uchi*) by Mino swordsmith Kanefusa from the very end of the Muromachi Period - crafted about 425 years ago. It was once a katana and shortened at some point in its life to slightly over 59cm thus technically becoming an *o-wakizashi* (long wakizashi). It carries all the desired hallmarks of the Mino tradition.

The sword is housed in a handsome *uchigatana koshirae* from the Edo period with an attractive *horse theme*. Both the blade and koshirae have been certified with vintage *NBTHK Tokubetsu Kicho* papers. The sword is consignment in the UK.

A 15-minute introduction video can be accessed here: <http://tinyurl.com/ujwa198-kanefusa>