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The Sake Portfolio of Vine Connections

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I recently tasted through the sake portfolio of Vine Connections, better known for their prime selection of wines from Argentina, and **was knocked out by the quality of the sakes they import from small, family-run brewers in Japan.**



The 23 sake below are made by 13 different breweries.

Junmai Daiginjo Grade Sake

95 Points: Ama No To "Time of Reflection"

94 Points: Ginga Shizuku "Divine Droplets"

94 Points: Nanbu Bijin "Ancient Pillars"

94 Points: Tentaka "Silent Stream"

91 Points: Chiyonosono "Garden of Eternity"

91 Points: Sato No Homare "Mountain Crossing"

Junmai Sake Grade

Tokubetsu Junmai

91 Points: Ama No To "Heaven's Door"

88 Points: Takasago "Morning Glow"

Junmai

87 Points: Tentaka Kuni "Hawk in the Heavens"

85 Points: Tozai "Living Jewel"

Junmai Ginjo Grade Sake

91 Points: Kanbara "Bride of the Fox"

91 Points: Takatenjin "Shrine of the Village"

90 Points: Mantensei "Star-Filled Sky"

90 Points: Kanbara "Wings of Fortune"

89 Points: Nanbu Bijin "Southern Beauty"

89 Points: Sato No Homare "Pride of the Village"

88 Points: Rihaku "Wandering Poet"

88 Points: Fukucho "Moon on the Water"

88 Points: Mukune "Root of Innocence"

85 Points: Chiyonosono "Sacred Power"

Nigori Sake (All Grades)

89 Points: Mukune "Shadows of Katano" - Junmai Ginjo

88 Points: Tozai "Snow Maiden" - Junmai

87 Points: Rihaku "Dreamy Clouds" - Tokubetsu Junmai