



Kanbara – Bride of the Fox

Kaetsu brewery is owned by Dr. Shunichi and Mrs. Yoshiko Sato who have both been brewing sake for as long as they can remember. Both come from sake brewing families, so they have four different brewing families' blood flowing through their veins! Niigata prefecture is one of just a handful of prefectures to have a self-managed AOC-type system which requires the use of local rice, water, traditional techniques, and blind tasting. Their system has only been around a couple of years and Kaetsu has several sake that have been certified.

Sake Facts

Quality Grade: Junmai Ginjo (at least 40% of rice grain polished away)

Seimaibuai: 50% (50% of rice grain polished away)

Rice: Gohyakumangoku

Yeast: Brewer's Original

Nihonshu-do: +3

Alcohol: 16.5%

Acidity: 1.6

Sulfite-free. Gluten-free. Kosher.

Brewery Facts

Brewery Name: Kaetsu Shuzo (founded in 1880)

Brewery Location: Niigata Prefecture

Toji (Master Brewer): Yamaga Kenichiro

Brewery President: Dr. Shunichi and Mrs. Yoshiko Sato

Tasting Notes

Enjoy intense aromas of grilled nuts, pistachio, and a hint of white chocolate. Flavors of nuts and ripe honeydew explode at the front and finishes crisp with a hint of lingering sweetness.

Reviews & Press

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar 2007 "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 sakes they import from small, family-run brewers in Japan."

90 Points – Kanbara Bride of the Fox

FYI. The name of this wonderful sake was inspired by local legends about mysterious lights that appeared on nearby Mt. Kirin in the distant past. Locals claim the lights are paper lanterns carried in the fox-bride procession. This mysterious event is celebrated in Niigata every year in the fox-bride festival.



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