



## Kanbara – Wings of Fortune

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. The 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: Yamada Nishiki

Yeast: Brewer's Original

Nihonshu-do: +3

Alcohol: 16.5%

Acidity: 1.7

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

Light to medium-bodied, the aromas are reminiscent of forest floor, woody with cedar and pine tree. There is an alluring spiciness at the base with an anise bouquet while the fruit flavors of green apples, pineapple, and ripe honeydew, compound the typically higher acidity of this Niigata sake into a pleasant anise-packed, dry finish.

### 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 Wings of Fortune



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