



## Tentaka – Silent Stream

Located in the picturesque prefecture of Tochigi (known for its many *onsen*, or traditional hot spring baths), Tentaka produces brew so good that only 20% of it makes it out of the prefecture! The **silent stream** that lends its name to this sake originates deep in the jagged, snow-covered Nasu Mountains of Tochigi and runs hundreds of miles to the brewery, purifying the clear and untouched water that goes into this sake. Tentaka is also one of the few breweries who continue to follow the laborious, low-yielding, ultra-gentle drip-pressing method known as *shizuku*. The fermented sake is poured into meter-long canvas bags and then tied and hanged in a catch-basin where over several hours the clear sake drips through the canvas fibers only under its own weight. Now that's what we call gentle pressing!

### Sake Facts

Quality Grade: Junmai Daiginjo (at least 50% of rice grain polished away)

Seimaibuai: 35% (65% of rice grain polished away)

Rice: Yamada Nishiki

Yeast: #9

Nihonshu-do: +2

Alcohol: 16.8%

Acidity: 1.5

Sulfite-free. Gluten-free. Kosher.

### Brewery Facts

Brewery Name: Tentaka Shuzo (founded in 1914)

Brewery Location: Tochigi Prefecture

Toji (Master Brewer): Kouetsu Sugumachi

Brewery President: Munenori Ozaki

### Tasting Notes

While lime, mint, and lychee dominates the nose, the softness and suppleness of this medium-bodied sake has flavors of honeydew melon, ripened pear and fresh cut hay amplified by vibrant overall acidity. The laser-focused finish has an enjoyable dusty character with clean anise-like flavors. It doesn't get much better than this!

### 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."

**94 Points** – Tentaka Silent Stream



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