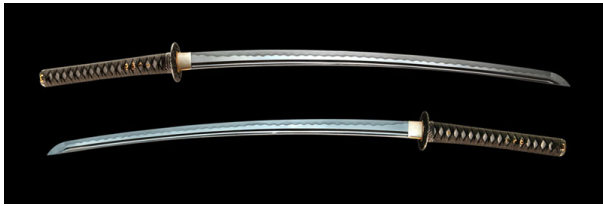


Dynasty Forge 29`` Tamahagane Katana with Bo-Hi in Wave Theme

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Manufacturer: Dynasty Forge

Availability: 1999,00 EUR

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Meticulously extracted from iron sand, the 29" blade is hand-forged from Tamahagane. This steel has all the qualities and characteristics of traditional "noble steel", the true material of the Katana. Hand-forged and folded 8-12 times, the blade exhibits an organic and subtle Hada, most commonly in the Mokume and Ayasugi styles. The blade is clay-tempered and hand-polished on imported Japanese stones, giving the Hamon a white frosted appearance on a dark background. The blade is fitted in our popular turbulent wave theme with a pair of Kirin Menuki. The 11" Tsuka is wrapped in black silk Ito. The Saya is finished in a deep black lacquer.

The Steel

The Daimyo Tamahagane blades are made using high-carbon Tamahagane iron sand, the traditional ingredient of the true Japanese sword. This sets our swords apart, as it is very rare for blades to be made outside Japan with this material. By sourcing our Tamahagane from China, we can create a superior product at a fair price.

The iron sand, through a low-temperature smelting process, combines with carbon to form fairly crude high-carbon ore. The resulting material is broken into smaller pieces that are sorted by carbon content. As much as half of the extracted material contains insufficient carbon for sword-making.

The Forging Process

Through the process of breaking and combining high- and low-carbon pieces during forging, Tamahagane becomes malleable, allowing the smith to hand-forge a blade that absorbs shock while maintaining an excellent edge. This Hada shows as an even grain in the blade's exquisitely refined surface and the clay-tempered Hamon contrasted through a careful hand-polish on Japanese stones. The steel is forge-folded 8 to 12 times, depending on how the raw steel reacts to each fold. The close adherence to a traditional esthetic, in both the blade and the fittings, is typical of Dynasty Forge's mission.

All Tamahagane blades undergo the traditional clay-tempering process. The resulting white Hamon lends the steel another layer of intricacy.

The Polishing Process

Each Tamahagane blade is hand-polished on imported Japanese stones. Through a process that takes over 60 hours, the blade geometry is refined and the surface brought to a fine luster. Using twelve different grades of stones, the Hada is revealed. Our work most commonly displays Hada in the Itame, Mokume and Ayasugi styles. The Hada is subtle rather than ostentatious, with a more organic feel compared to modern forge-folded methods.

The Hamon is finished in the Hadori style, where the polisher uses Hazuya stones to accentuate the contrast against the Ji.

The Finished Blade

Through the careful adherence to traditional methods, our Daimyo Tamahagane swords appeal to the discerning eye and a deft hand - every feature and detail is testimony to the harmony and balance inherent in centuries-old tradition.

Product parameters:

- Blade length: 73,7 cm
- Handle length: 27,9 cm

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