

SHICHIDA

Junmai Ginjo

Tenzan Sake Brewery, Saga Prefecture

SAKE DETAILS:

Rice: Yamadanishiki & Saganohana

Polish Rate: 45%

Sake Meter Value: +0.7

Acidity: 1.3

Alcohol: 16%

ABOUT "JUNMAI GINJO" STYLE SAKES

The term *Junmai* is constructed of two kanji that together mean "pure rice". This means that the brew cannot contain any ingredient beyond the principal four of rice, water, yeast and koji. The term *Ginjo* means "specialized brew". Ginjo-grade sakes must use rice polished to at least 60%, and generally employ labor intensive practices resulting in a more refined sake. Therefore, *Junmai Ginjo* sakes are pure rice brews, with a high polish rate and a specialized method of production.

ABOUT THE BREWERY

Tenzan Shuzo is located within the Saga Prefecture of Kyushu Island. Kyushu is a large island just south of the main island of Honshu. Tenzan Shuzo was founded by the Shichida family originally as a water mill in 1861. The mill used beautiful, pristine mountain water from Mt. Tenzan to mill flour, produce noodles, and polish rice for neighboring sake breweries. In fact, the somen noodles they produced were nationally recognized. In 1875, the Shichida family purchased a neighboring sake brewery that was going out of business, and began producing sake themselves. The water mill stayed functional until 1960, when the family decided to convert it into part of the brewery, thus putting the entire family focus on brewing.

Tenzan Shuzo puts a focus on using locally grown rice, including native varieties such as *Nihonbare* and *Reihou*. They also use lots of locally grown *Yamadanishiki* rice. So committed to local rice, in 2005, Tenzan Shuzo formed the Tenzan Sake Rice Research Association, a collaboration between brewers and growers to share knowledge and produce the best possible product for their community. Tenzan Shuzo even owns and operates some rice fields themselves, which is quite rare in the sake world.

TASTING NOTE

A sweet aroma of white flowers and peaches gently introduce the gorgeous profile. Slightly off-dry with refreshing acidity as a counterbalance, and a long umami rich finish.

FOOD PAIRING

Excellent with smoky flavors such as pulled pork, BBQ chicken, and grilled eel.



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