# izanami sake

#### namazake: unpasteurized, alive, extra bright, bold & complex wind of the woods "kaze no mori 657" glass 12. / 300 ml carafe 28. / 720 ml bottle 67. junmai muroka nama genshu. nara, +2.5, floral, fruity, slightly effervescent: the brightest nama in town! first wave "arabashiri" glass 12.50 / 300 ml carafe 29. / 720 ml bottle 69. tokubetsu junmai shiboritate nama genshu. yamagata, +0, arabashiri is the first third of sake from the tank with little pressing, shiboritate = "to squeeze" & this sake is indeed freshly squeezed! alive with flavor & bursting with a yeasty robustness! glass 13.50. / 300 ml carafe 31.50 / 720 ml bottle 76. sublime beauty "tae no hana" arabashiri kimoto muroka nama genshu. mie, +5, a sublime brown rice sake made by japan's first female toji. smooth & soft. amabuki "banana" glass 14. / 300 ml carafe 33. / 720 ml bottle 77. junmai daiginjo shiboritate nama. saga, $\pm 0$ . made using yeasts derived from bananas! expressive, not too sweet. wind of the woods "yamadanishiki 807" glass 14. / 300 ml carafe 33. / 720 ml bottle 77. junmai muroka nama genshu. nara, ±0. technically a brown rice sake, minimal polishing adds to great depth of flavor. forest spirit "soma no tengu" glass 14. / 300 ml carafe 33. / 720 ml bottle 95. junmai muroka nama genshu. shiga, +6. close to drinking straight from the tank: alive, bright, earthy & complex. glass 14.50 / 300 ml carafe 34. / 720 ml bottle 96. / 1.8 liter 195. super dry "akishika okarakuchi" junmai ginjo nama genshu. osaka, +17, biodynamically grown rice, one of driest sakes in the US. complex & rich, yet dry. glass 14.50 / 300 ml carafe 34. / 720 ml bottle 96. / 1.8 liter 195.fragrant jewel "hakugyokko" junmai yamahai muroka nama genshu. chiba, -5, super fragrant, big, bold, fruity, complex. magical paired with pork! mt. chokai "chokaisan" nama glass 14.50 / 300 ml carafe 34. / 720 ml bottle 96. / 1.8 liter 195. junmai daiginjo muroka nama genshu. akita, ±0, classic akita style: elegant, flowery, fruity. yeasts made from nadeshiko flowers! bouquet "hanabusa" glass 15.50 / 300 ml carafe 36. / 720 ml bottle 85. junmai yamahai muroka nama genshu. mie, +7, made by japan's first female toji. complex, yet fresh with high acidity. wind of the woods "kaze no mori 507" glass 16. / 300 ml carafe 38. / 720 ml can 89. junmai daiginjo muroka nama genshu. nara. refreshingly complex, creamy medium body, white flower and fun fruitiness harbor "minato" glass 16. / 300 ml carafe 38. / 720 ml can 89. yamahai nama genshu. akita, +1, bold, yeasty, notes of mushrooms, the hearty staff favorite in the can is BACK! chikurin "karoyaka otoro" glass 18. / 300 ml carafe 42. / 720 ml bottle 99. junmai ginjo nama. okayama, +3. mochi sweetness, crisp acidity in the finish. farmers who grow the rice also brew the sake! wind of the woods "omachi 807" glass 18. / 300 ml carafe 42. / 720 ml bottle 99. junmai muroka nama genshu. nara, ±0. brown rice sake made with flavorful sake rice omachi, balanced sweetness and acidity. heavenly grace "tenko nama" glass 19. / 300 ml carafe 46. / 720 ml bottle 102. junmai muroka nama genshu. akita, ±0. elegant aroma of pear, mango, citrus with velvety layers and full bodied umami rich taste. AFS "quintessence" 500 ml bottle 87.50 junmai yamahai nama. chiba, -33. made with a rare "one phase fermentation" and hot yamahai production, this sake is powerful and complex. high acidity to match the sweetness, lemon, green apple, sourdough and umami harmony. daiginjo sake: elegant, most refined, sake for savoring glass 13. / 300 ml carafe 32. / 720 ml bottle 72. tenkyu suiu "green rain" junmai daiginjo. yamagata, +1, perfect in every way: clean elegant sweetness, ripe fruit aromas, clean rich finish. mt. chokai "chokaisan" glass 14. / 300 ml carafe 33. / 1.8 liter 195. junmai daiginjo. akita, ±0, classic akita style: elegant, flowery, fruity. yeasts made from local mountain nadeshiko flowers! glass 15. / 300 ml carafe 36. / 720 ml bottle 84. wind of the woods "alpha 3" junmai daiginjo. nara, +3. rich in fruity flavor with a sweet nose. fresh & lively, bright & elegant. lower in alcohol. JOTO daiginjo "the one with the clocks" glass 16. / 300 ml carafe 38. / 720 ml bottle 96. daiginjo. yamagata, $\pm 0$ , rich and bright, melon, lemon rind, white flower aroma with a clean finish. glass 18. / 300 ml carafe 42. / 720 ml bottle 99. ohmine 3 grain omachi daiginjo. yamaguchi. clean and smooth, chewy rice body with light effervescence, melon, mango, tangerine and honey tea. indigo sky "tenkyu ranten" glass 20.50 / 300 ml carafe 48.50 / 720 ml bottle 114. junmai daiginjo. yamagata, +1, perfect in every way: clean elegant sweetness, ripe fruit aromas, clean rich finish. heavenly grace "tenko 40" glass 22.50 / 300 ml carafe 54.00 / 720 ml bottle 126. junmai daiginjo. akita, +2. fragrant, smooth & full-bodied---quite robust for a daiginjo. dry, with some light fruit + earthiness. shichi hon yari "silent samurai" 500 ml bottle 162. shizuku junmai daiginjo. shiga, +5. soft, ethereal, slightly dry and toasty. made with local rice using a slow drip method. rare and limited. heavenly grace "tenko 35" 720 ml bottle 192. junmai daiginjo. akita, -2.3, well balanced complexity with long smooth finish. extremely silky, with fruity aromas. heavenly grace "tenko 20" 720 ml bottle 299. junmai daiginjo. akita, ±0, milled to 20%! full bodied despite the low milling. exquisite aroma, silky texture. ginjo sake: bright, clean, aromatic, pairs with everything clear moon "chogetsu" glass 10. / 300 ml carafe 24. / 720 ml bottle 70. junmai ginjo. akita, +1. aroma of white spring flowers, round & creamy mouthfeel, fresh long flavorful finish. JOTO "the pink one" glass 12. / 300 ml carafe 28. / 720 ml bottle 66. junmai ginjo. ibaraki, +2. aromatic, fruity, light + floral, made with two kinds of "modern" yeast. lively + bright. glass 12.50 / 300 ml carafe 30. / 500 ml bottle 42. ♦nandemo °C "any way you like it" junmai ginjo. yamagata, ±0. dry, bright and refreshing, developed with tohoku university of technology to be delicious at any temperature! glass 14. / 300 ml carafe 33. / 720 ml bottle 80. watari bune

junmai ginjo. ibaraki, +3. heirloom rice varietal with nutty, earthy notes, pineapple and honeydew, overall lively and bright

junmai ginjo, hiroshima +3. brewed with one of the oldest sake rices in japan. herbal & bright, clean clear finish.

junmai ginjo. okayama, +3. light and gentle, mochi sweetness with delicate cherry. estate grown yamadanishiki rice.

seikyo omachi

chikurin "karovaka"

glass 14. / 300 ml carafe 33. / 720 ml bottle 77.50

glass 15. / 300 ml carafe 35. / 720 ml bottle 83.

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happy owl "fuku chitose" glass 15. / 300 ml carafe 35. / 720 ml bottle 83. yamahai junmai ginjo. fukui, +3. earthy, yeasty classic yamahai "dirty" nose, smoky, roasted, smooth & round. cabin in the snow "yuki no bosha" glass 15.50 / 300 ml carafe 36. / 720 ml 85. junmai ginjo. akita, +1.5, bright, great aromatics, finishes with a clear, dry almost peppery kick! mutsu hassen "pink label" glass 16. / 300 ml carafe 38. / 720 ml bottle 89.

junmai ginjo. aomori, -2. made with local yeast & rice + white koji (adds a little higher acidity). white flowers & cotton candy.

### junmai sake: full, rich, earthy, great match to things from the grill

♦ snow shadow "yukikage" glass 8.50 / 300 ml carafe 20. / 720 ml bottle 50. / 1.8 liter 113.

tokubetsu junmai. niigata, +4, soft like skin, light as a feather, fresh as snow, with a clean and dry finish.

• great peaceful mountain "taiheizan" glass 9.00 / 300 ml carafe 21. / 1.8 liter 120.

 $kimoto\ junmai.\ akita,\ +3,\ earthy\ aroma,\ full-bodied\ \&\ umami\ rich,\ with\ perfect\ bright\ acidity\ to\ pair\ with\ all\ food.$ 

♦ KID junmai glass 9. / 300 ml carafe 21. / 1.8 liter bottle 124.

junmai. wakayama, +4, brewed with soft spring water, acidity is balanced with the gentle umami of the sake rice.

♦ JOTO junmai "the green one" glass 10. / 300 ml carafe 24. / 720 ml bottle 55. / 1.8 liter 108. junmai. yamagata, +7.5, rich, versatile & solid. clean, with hints of fruit. high crisp acidity in the finish.

♦ wolf "chichibu nishiki" glass 10. / 300 ml carafe 24. / 720 ml bottle 55.

tokubetsu junmai. saitama, +2.5, semi-dry, rich full mouth, crisp cool flavor: can you hear the wolf howl?

seven spearsmen "shichi hon yari" glass 10.50 / 300 ml carafe 24.25 / 720 ml bottle 66. / 1.8 liter 141.

junmai. shiga, +4.5, complex with layers of mushroom and earth, yet a long, clean finish. classic junmai, staff favorite.

♦ hitakami chokarakuchi glass 11. / 300 ml carafe 25.50 / 720 ml bottle 60.

junmai. miyagi, +11, restrained aromas of mushroom, honey, pineapple. bright acidity, ample umami, finishes vibrant and crisp.

•yeti "yuki otoko"
glass 11.50 / 300 ml carafe 27. / 720 ml bottle 63.

junmai. niigata, +12, one of our driest sakes, with umami from the rice that expands on your palate. excellent warmed.

◆seikyo takehara "mirror of truth" glass 12. / 300 ml carafe 27.75 / 720 ml bottle 65.

junmai. hiroshima, +1, delicate and clean, mellow and balanced honey and brown butter notes.

takacho "regal hawk" glass 13. / 300 ml carafe 32.50 / 720 ml bottle 71.

bodaimoto junmai muroka genshu. nara, -25, cream and melon flavors with a bright, lactic acid herbal finish. high acidity!

**♦ mutsu hassen "otokoyama chokara"** glass 14. / 300 ml carafe 33. / 720 ml bottle 80.

junmai. aomori, +8. "chokara" means super dry & this one fits that name. dry stones, clean & fresh.

**♦ cabin in the snow "yuki no bosha" yamahai** glass 14. / 300 ml carafe 32. / 720 ml bottle 76.

junmai. akita, +1, mellow, well-balanced, low in acidity, made with old-school yeast starter. staff favorite.

♦ akabu "red samurai" glass 14. / 300 ml carafe 33. / 720 ml bottle 80.

junmai. iwate. aroma of corn, persimmon and citrus, silky fruit balanced with grapefruit, umami and clean.

# honjozo /futsuushu sake: lighter yet still earthy, slightly aromatic, smooth

beautiful lily "yuri masamune" glass 7. / 300 ml carafe 17. / 1.8 liter 99.

honjozo. akita, +2.5, both mellow & rustic, slightly fruity---all smoothly balanced with nuttiness. earthy.

**♦10,000** ways "ban ryu" glass 7.50 / 300 ml carafe 18. / 720 ml bottle 50. / 1.8 liter 104.

honjozo. yamagata, +1, called "10,000 ways" because it pairs with everything. light & fruity, crisp refreshing finish.

dry mountain "eiko fuji honkara" glass 10. / 300 ml carafe 24. / 720 ml bottle 55.

honjozo. yamagata, +10, light & dry with a fruity bouquet, silky mouthfeel, slight marshmallow with a crisp, dry finish.

hakkaisan tokubetsu "hakkai mountain" glass 15.75 / 300 ml carafe 37.50 / 720 ml bottle 88.

honjozo tokubetsu. niigata, +5. #1 honjozo in japan, smoke and tropical fruit aroma, mango, mint, honey, dry but balanced.

## nigori: coarsely (un)filtered "cloudy" sake, rounder textured experience

great peaceful mountain "taiheizan" nigori glass 10. / 300 ml carafe 24. / 720 ml bottle 55.

 $honjozo. \ \ akita, \ +2, \ aroma \ of \ distinct \ floral \ notes \ combined \ with \ tropical \ fruit. \ rich, \ chewy \ texture, \ dry \ \& \ light.$ 

**JOTO** "the blue one" glass 10. / 300 ml carafe 23.50 / 720 ml bottle 55.50

junmai. hiroshima, -3. not super sweet, with depth & earthy notes. dry balanced with coconutty fruit notes. food friendly.

heiwa shuzo nigori glass 12. / 300 ml carafe 27.75 / 720 ml bottle 65.

junmai. wakayama, -8.5. smooth texture: the rice feels like powdery snow on your tongue. soft, clean, not too sweet.

snow angel "yuki no tenshi" glass 12.50 / 300 ml carafe 25. / 720 ml bottle 58.50

junmai. hyogo. -20. delicate, silky, off-dry with a touch of sweetness. fruity aromas, great with spicier foods.

chokaisan sparkling sake 500 ml bottle 68.00

junmai ginjo. akita, -13. satiny mouthfeel with white peach, floral notes. lovely, refreshing with delicate lively bubbles!

#### before or after: from tart to sweet, aperitif to dessert

taiheizan yuzushu glass 12. / 300 ml carafe 28. / 720 ml bottle 67.00

yuzu fruit liqueur. akita. made from yuzu sourced from farmer's cooperative in kochi. juicy, refreshing, beautifully aromatic.

JOTO yuzu glass 13. / 300 ml carafe 30. / 1.8 liter 174.

junmai. shimane, yuzu = lemony, with a tart sweetness. we call it "adult lemonade" with lower alcohol. great on the rocks!

kagatsuru "kaga's cranes" ume-shu glass 15. / 300 ml carafe 34. / 720 ml bottle 81.

junmai. kaga, 400-year old yachicha brewery makes this ume-shu with local plums + real rice sake. refreshing!

amabuki blood orange "apollon" glass 15. / 300 ml carafe 34. / 720 ml bottle 81.

umeshu blood orange liqueur. saga. ume based with vibrant blood orange, sweet, tart, lightly tangy. great as a spritzer! kakurei umeshu glass 15. / 300 ml carafe 35. / 720 ml bottle 83.00

kakurei umeshu glass 15. / 300 ml carafe 35. / 720 ml bottle 83.00 ginjo umeshu. niigata. ginjo sake infused with regional plum, sweetened with rock sugar, delicate plum flavor.

taiheizan shiso liqueur glass 15. / 300 ml carafe 35. / 720 ml bottle 83.00

shiso herb liqueur. akita. made from red shiso of the alpine fujisato region. uniquiely herbal and spicy but sweet, basil-like with red hue.

rumiko black coffee sake glass 19.50 / 300 ml carafe 48. / 500 ml bottle 76.

junmai. mie. infused with high quality coffee beans and a touch of sugar to balance, strong, full-bodied coffee flavor.

♦ this symbol denotes sake that tastes delicious when warmed (warmed by the bottle only). ask your server about the "sake flight of the week" for a tasty & educational tasting treat.