## Kitagama

## Setsuo Hamasaki

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Access: 5 minutes' drive from JR Sari Station

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▲ Kiln mark/Potter's mark



## Setsuo Hamasaki

- ▶1948 Born in Kumamoto Prefecture.
- ▶1969 Studied sculpture and ceramics at a number of places in Japan.
- ▶1981 Opened studio and kiln in Karatsu.

## The joy of imagination

Hamasaki san came to the Karatsu area after marrying, and his wife was as luck would have it, from Karatsu. Particular about using local materials, he approaches his work with imagination. Because he makes all of his clays and glazes himself, the work has a distinctive style. Hamasaki san specializes in objet d'art and detailed work. Hamasaki san enjoys the process of thinking about what to make next, and often the titles of his pieces come to him first, before he begins work. He takes a stoic attitude to his work and admits that he is rarely satisfied with the finished pieces. In his display area you will find a wide range of work, including carved statues, flower vases, incense burners, and stone sculpture. One of his dreams is to move somewhere overseas and make Karatsu ware. He will always keep dreaming and making his Karatsu ware.



- $\hfill\square$  Business Hours:
- 10:00 am 5:00 pm \*Contact us
- □ Closed:
- Closed Irregularly
- □ Languages:
- Japanese / English
- $\square$  Gallery:
- OK
- $\square$  Studio Tour:
- OK
- ☐ Kiln Tour:
- OK
- ☐ Type of Firing: Wood
- □ Pottery Lesson: NO
- □ Parking
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