# Sougengama

### Naoki Kojima

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Discovered clay, and opened a Karatsu ceramics store at the age of 18.
 Held first one man exhibition at 21 and decided to pursue ceramics. Opened own studio and kiln.

# Results are everything

Although his father collected old pottery shards and ran his own business selling Karatsu ware, Kojima san got into the business of pottery because he wanted to make his own work.

"I just want to make good work, work that speaks directly to the user.", says Kojima san. For him, results are everything. The nature of the noborigama to give wildly different results depending on the firing technique and nature of the clays being fired makes the knowledge of the potter paramount. "Being stable and repeating success separates the professionals from everyone else."

"Good work sells, it doesn't remain in the hands of the potter.", he always tells himself. His areas of specialty are Chosen Karatsu, Kairagi, and Iro Chawan. He continues his work, with "stable results" as his mantra.



#### □ Business Hours:

- 9:00 am 5:00 pm \*Contact us
- Closed:
  Obon Holiday /
  November 2nd, 3rd and 4th /
  New Year's Holiday
- Languages: Japanese
- Gallery:
- OK
- Studio Tour:
  OK
- □ Kiln Tour: OK
- □ Type of Firing: Wood
- □ Pottery Lesson:
- NO
- □ Parking:
- 🖨 OK









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