Yamasegama

Sajirou Tanaka

1021-2 Yamase, Hamatamamachi, Karatsu-shi Access: 25 minutes' drive from JR Hamasaki Station



▲ Kiln mark/Potter's mark



Sajirou Tanaka

- ▶1937 Born in Kitakyushu-shi, Fukuoka Prefecture.
- ▶1971 Began making ceramic ware.
- ▶1975 Built a noborigama at Karatsu Handa.
- ▶1980 Studied with Kato Tokuro.
- ▶1987 Built noborigama in Yamase.

Perceiving the Karatsu aesthetic

Rather than emulating the past, Sajiro Tanaka takes a modern approach to his work. The appeal of Karatsu ware is in its graceful, quiet, rustic nature. Tanaka san makes a striking musical analogy, "A technically skilled singer isn't necessarily a good singer. Perhaps they sing with technical skill, but if they can't convey a message or feeling to the listener, they are not succeeding. This is like Karatsu ware. One can be technically skilled but still not make good pots. It is a problem of aesthetics." The experience acquired by being at the forefront of Karatsu ware for over 40 years is manifest in Tanaka san's words and life.



- ☐ Business Hours: Contact us
- □ Closed:
- Closed Irregularly
- ☐ Languages: Japanese
- *Please come with an interpreter.
- \square Gallery:
- NO
- □ Studio Tour: NO
- ☐ Kiln Tour:
- NO
 □ Type of Firing:
 Wood
- □ Pottery Lesson: NO
- □ Parking













