## Ryutagama

## Takashi Nakazato / Taki Nakazato

4333-1 Mirukashi, Karatsu-shi Tel. 0955-74-3503 Access: 15 minutes' drive from JR Karatsu Station





▲ Kiln mark/Potter's mark



http://www.ryutagama.com/

## Taki Nakazato

- ▶1965 Born in Karatsu.
- ▶1988 Begins making pottery under the tutelage of his father, Nakazato Takashi.
- ▶After finishing apprenticeship, begins working alongside Takashi at Ryutagama.

## Setting aside expectations, arriving at relaxed simplicity

Belonging to the established pottery lineage of the Nakazato family, Takashi Nakazato and his son Taki Nakazato make pottery at Ryutagama together, two generations working side by side. After Taki san inherited running the pottery, he hated hearing the word [Nakazato] everywhere, because although it is a name held in good standing, it also came with the crushing burden of expectations. Now, he just concentrates on keeping calm and making pots, largely ignoring the pressure.

Taki san doesn't obsess about making traditional Karatsu ware. His pots are not decorative but functional, pieces made to add depth to our day to day lives through their use. Taki san is at his best making large runs of pots, and it shows in the minimal design and lack of ostentation. They come alive in the course of daily use.



- ☐ Business Hours: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- ☐ Closed:
  Wednesdays / Closed Irregularly
- ☐ Languages: Japanese
- □ Gallery: OK 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- □ Studio Tour: OK 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
- OK 9:00 am -
- □ Kiln Tour: OK
- □ Type of Firing: Wood / Electric / Gas
- □ Pottery Lesson: NO
- □ Parking:
  - ⇒ OK WWW NC
- □ Credit Card: OK











