

STORY

A New Way to Enjoy Sake: Proposed
by a Century-Old Precision Machine Shop

"shitatari" is a sake vessel born in 2019 in Osaka—a city with a legendary manufacturing heritage. It was created by Nakagawa Precision Machinery Works specifically to redefine the experience of enjoying Japanese sake.

Leveraging over a century of history in manufacturing, we explored new possibilities by applying our core expertise in ultra-thin precision machining, even with challenging materials like stainless steel.

The project was conceived through deep discussions with product designer Kohsuke Suzuki of Breath Design, fueled by a shared passion for sake. From this collaboration, "shitatari" was born.

Its distinctive form evokes a single, glistening drop of sake. The exceptionally thin rim allows the liquid to meet the lips almost directly, creating a seamless sensory experience. "shitatari" is more than just a vessel. It is an invitation to experience sake through sight, touch, and taste.



At the 2023 G7 OSAKA-SAKAI Trade ministerial meeting, selected by the Japanese government as an official gift of hospitality.



Selected as an "Osaka Brand" certified product.



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CONCEPT

Sake Vessels for Savoring
a Moment of True Quality

Historically, Japanese sake was primarily offered in sacred Shinto rituals or enjoyed on special occasions, rarely part of everyday life. This precious and revered "sake" is the inspiration behind the vessel, shitatari (meaning "dripping").

Its name and form capture the moment when fermentation comes to an end and a single, clear drop of sake gently falls.

The silhouette evokes the breathtaking beauty of that fleeting moment—born from centuries of brewing tradition—while also embodying the craftsmanship of a century-old local workshop, all distilled into one refined moment.

Through "shitatari", we hope people will find more than material satisfaction, discovering the beauty and skill hidden within ordinary moments and enriching their everyday lives.



Crafted with care, one by one,
using techniques honed over a century.



Spec

- External dimensions :
Φ80 mm H 60 mm
- Cup : Φ50 mm H 55 mm
- Weight : 27.6 g
- Capacity : 90 ml (Cup/Saucer)
- Material : Stainless



Ultra-Thin Rim

Drawing on thin-wall machining techniques refined over many years, the rim thickness is reduced to just 0.9 mm.

Personalized Custom Engraving Service

Custom engraving is available on the bottom of the saucer.

Kohsuke