

## Ronin

The Story of the 47 Ronin is one of the most celebrated and influential tales of the Samurai. Lord Asano was a powerful Daimyo ordered by the Shogun to entertain guests of the Imperial Family. The master of protocol, Kira, was charged with teaching Asano proper etiquette in this task. Kira took a dislike to Lord Asano and insulted him at every opportunity, goading the latter into attacking and wounding him. This act led to Asano's ordered suicide (seppuku) and the confiscation of his property. On December 14, 1702, 47 of Asano's men (now Ronin), descended upon Kira's mansion. After a fierce battle, the Ronin demanded that Kira commit seppuku for his transgressions against their former master. When he refused he was beheaded. For their actions the Ronin were themselves sentenced to death by seppuku. They are buried together at the Sengakuji, offering a true testament to the loyalty inherent in the Samurai.

Our Ronin Koshirae Katana captures the spirit of Lord Asano's 47 Ronin. The blackened iron Tsuba depicts Asano's followers on their vengeful march. The blade is hand forged & folded Swedish powder steel with Hi in a traditional Shinogi Zukuri style.

**Ronin Katana**  
SH2360  
MSRP: \$1,319

Overall: 40 ½"  
Nagasa: 28 ½"  
Tsuka: 11"  
Weight: 2lb 7oz

## Meijin

The Meijin Katana represents the pinnacle of production quality for Shinken. The blade is forged-folded T10 high-carbon steel with Bo-hi, making for a lighter blade and audible feedback on the cutting stroke. The blade is differentially hardened using a traditional claying method and has a distinctive grain pattern (Hada) with visible layers. The Meijin has a very sharp edge and is capable of light target cutting. The tsuka is wrapped in genuine ray skin (Same) with a Tsuka-ito in premium black Japanese cotton. The black iron Koshirae display a "Turbulent Ocean" motif. The Saya is finished in a distinctive black matte/gloss banded finish extending the length of the scabbard, with a black Japanese cotton Sageo.

**Meijin Katana**  
SH5018  
MSRP: \$1,259

Overall: 39 ½"  
Nagasa: 28"  
Tsuka: 10 ½"  
Weight: 2lb



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