

**Mutual Trading, Inc.**  
**Japanese Shochu Spec Sheet**

<b>Brewery</b>	Higa Shuzo
<b>Founded</b>	1948
<b>Profile</b>	Located in Yomitan Village in the center of Okinawa Prefecture, Higa Shuzo's headquarters and factory enjoy the fresh sea breeze and land that is rich in nature. Their philosophy centers on "Smile Be Waves." Higa Shuzo wants Zanpa to put a smile on everyone's faces and spread smiles like the waves of Okinawa. Zanpa is ready to be a part of new and old meetings, conversations, and heartfelt moments. In their commitment to quality, Higa Shuzo has obtained an FSSC 22000 certification, and they are committed to environmentally friendly initiatives such as the installation of a solar power system and recycling of manufacturing wastewater. The distillery also offers a diverse product lineup to suit various occasions.

<b>Product Name</b>	Zanpa Black
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<b>Item Number</b>	10653
<b>Case Contents</b>	12 bottles
<b>Size</b>	720ml
<b>Type of Shochu</b>	Awamori
<b>Main Ingredient</b>	Rice
<b>Ingredients Source</b>	Thailand
<b>Variety of Ingredient</b>	Indica Rice
<b>Type of Koji</b>	Black
<b>Distillation Method</b>	Vacuum
<b>Aged</b>	3 months minimum
<b>Blending Ratio</b>	N/A
<b>Storage Container</b>	Stainless steel tank
<b>Alcohol by Volume</b>	30%
<b>Introduced In</b>	N/A
<b>Distillery Location</b>	Okinawa Prefecture
<b>Master Distiller</b>	N/A



<b>LIGHT</b>	<b>FLAVORFUL</b>	<b>CHARACTERED</b>	<b>RICH</b>
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		

<b>STRAIGHT</b>	<b>ROCK</b>	<b>WITH WATER</b>	<b>WITH HOT WATER</b>	<b>FOR COCKTAIL</b>
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<b>APERITIF</b>	<b>APPETIZER</b>	<b>MAIN DISH</b>	<b>DIGESTIF</b>
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<b>Food Pairings</b>
Zanpa Black is delicious with a wide range of cuisines and is an excellent choice for food pairings. Okinawan cuisine, fried chicken, gyoza/dumplings, other strong or rich flavored foods.

<b>Tasting Notes</b>
Zanpa Black is one of Higa Shuzo's flagship products alongside Zanpa White. Zanpa Black has been loved by many generations and continues to be a popular, long-selling product. This awamori is known for its clean and sharp taste characterized by its refreshing aroma and finish created by vacuum distillation. Notes of ripe apple, black tea, flint, and cool melon rind on the nose. Gentle rounded mouthfeel with a pleasant building bitterness accented by notes of turbinado sugar, cocoa powder, and grassy pandan and a lingering aftertaste of tropical fruit. Enjoy Zanpa Black mixed with carbonated beverages (3:7 ratio or 5:5 ratio) and a squeeze of fresh citrus like Okinawan shequwasar (シークワサー) for a delicious twist. For a rich yet refreshing mix, try Zanpa Black cut with sanpin tea (Okinawan jasmine oolong tea) or iced coffee. Versatile as an cocktail base and food pairings.

<b>Awards</b>
Monde Selection - Gold Award 2009-2020 (12 consecutive years), International High Quality Trophy 2020 International Taste Institute - Superior Taste Award 2 Stars in 2009-2012 and 2015-2020