



THE JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY  
OF WASHINGTON DC

# Sake Tasting: Pairing Contest, Seminar & Networking Party

Friday, December 7, 2012  
6:30 – 8:30 P.M.

## Tako Grill

7756 Wisconsin Avenue  
Bethesda, MD 20814  
www.takogrill.com

**Cost: \$45 for JASW Members & \$55 for Non-members**

**Join us on Friday, December 7** at Tako Grill in Bethesda, as we appreciate one of Japan's most savored exports, Japanese Sake. This year we will be starting off the evening by letting our taste buds teach us about sake. We will play a Sake Matching Game. Participants will try to match 10 different sakes. Prizes of **Ishishima Sake** will be handed out to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. Following the matching game, **Michael Simkin** will discuss the sake making process and the "Quality Categories" of sake. He will also talk about "**sake kasu**" (酒粕), which is the lees (dead yeast) leftover from sake production. It can be used as a pickling agent, the main ingredient of amazake, a cooking paste to add flavor to food and as a marinade and is used in many other foods. The program will finish by enjoying the sakes we tasted and eating delicious Tako Grill Japanese foods.

**Michael John Simkin** is one of the world's preeminent sake experts. Mr. Simkin developed his love for Japanese culture, studying the Japanese language and pursuing a degree in East Asian Cultural Studies at Cornell University. It was this marriage of Japanese culture and restaurant experience that would later blend harmoniously to form his current role as a sake expert. Having already completed three internships at Japanese sake breweries, Mr. Simkin commits himself to doing two internships every year in an effort to expand his understanding of sake production methods. This hands-on experience, coupled with his exhaustive travels to Japan, has enabled him to formulate a total philosophy of sake: beginning with the unmilled rice and ending with the beverage served to the consumer.

**Reservations must be paid for in advance. All reservations are final after deadline (December 5).**

There is **limited seating**. Please make all reservations with Japan-America Society at [www.us-japan.org/dc](http://www.us-japan.org/dc)

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**Total amount enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Additional Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please call us at (202) 833-2210.

Mail registration with payment to: JASW, 1819 L Street, NW, 1B Level, Washington, DC 20036 or fax to (202) 833-2456 Please RSVP by Wednesday, December 5, 2012 at 5:00 P.M. (We will close registration once it is full.)

Refunds for cancellations cannot be made after December 5, 2012.

