



## **CATHOLIC KING 2 HANDED SWORD**

By: *Marto*

*My sword's name is NIMARA*

48" overall. Features a 420 stainless steel and are fully tempered to 48-53 Rockwell hardness (unsharpened). The hand guard bears the inscription "TANTO MONTA - MONTA TANTO" translates "As much as the one is worth, so much is the other." This is one of the most spectacular swords in Spanish History. With this mythical sword, the Catholic Kings Ferdinand and Isabella, knighted Christopher Columbus on his return from his first trip to America. In the Throne Hall of the Royal Palace in Barcelona, Columbus was named "Admiral of the Ocean" and "Viceroy of the Indies". This ceremonial sword was used as symbol of the royal power in all religious and political ceremonies, as the conquest of Grenada and the beginning of Spain as a nation.

"Tanto Monta, Monta Tanto" was the motto that appeared on the Spanish Royal Standard of the Catholic Kings from 1492-1506. It refers to both Catholic monarchs: Isabella and Ferdinand and loosely translates to: "As much as the one is worth, so much is the other." This meant that both King and Queen held equal authority. It was seen on the Spanish flags that Cristóbal Colón brought to the New World. Later the motto was changed to "Plus Ultra" which is Latin for "More Beyond" referring to Spain and her lands in the Americas.

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