

# Knife News

## “Rock Creek” Knives From CAS Hanwei

Capitalizing on the popularity of its Hanwei sword line, CAS Hanwei has introduced the first elements of its new “Rock Creek” knife line to the public. Initial offerings include ten models of fixed-blade hunting and utility knives with traditional stacked-leather handles and a series of lock-back folder models with rosewood, stabilized leather and mother-of-pearl/abalone handles.

Commenting on the quality of the knives, CAS Hanwei’s president, Barry Ross, stated that the company’s aim was to isolate its knives from the stereotypical conception of Chinese-made knives: “Although many major manufacturers are now sourcing knives in China,” he said, “the image of low quality/low cost persists and we have taken major steps to set our line apart from this image. Hanwei, because of

the scarcity of clean high-alloy cutlery steels from domestic suppliers, is melting its own steels and producing superior blade materials with excellent edge-holding and toughness characteristics. Additionally, trading on its swordmaking capabilities, Hanwei is able to forge its knife blades, a quality feature now available only from custom makers and semi-custom manufacturers in the commercial sporting knife market.”

The new Rock Creek fixed blades carry MSRPs between \$99 and \$129, while the folders run from \$56 to \$76 for the basic models and \$176 to \$270 for the fancier ones. The company will be expanding the line with a series of stag-handled fixed blades and additional folders, all now in development, which it plans to have available for distribution by mid-year.

For more information on Rock Creek knives as well as CAS Hanwei’s other products, call 1-800-635-9366 or visit the company’s website at [www.cashanwei.com](http://www.cashanwei.com).

