



Some of you, not many, know about this bike. Here's the story. Roughly a thousand days ago, Jim Porter of Merry Sales (a bike and parts distributor) asked me if we could design a bike for them. Their brand, their bike, our geo and lugs and crown and tube spec (but it had to be Tange tubing...which is excellent anyway). Sure I said yes, and we made a deal. For every bike they order, we get six dollars. And we get to buy bikes as few or as many at a time as we want, at bike ordering time, for the same price they get them for. Merry sets retail price, we abide by it. Parts are a la carte. It would be under the SOMA brand. We have the option of repainting and relabeling them if we like, and not sure whether that'll happen, but we'll surely sell the Soma. The model is San Marcos. I suggested a color, a rough color, sort of light blue, and this is it and it's fine. Merry chose dropouts...and you'll notice it's not the low small radius fork rake we gen'ly opt for, but it's still a curved fork. It's like...early '80s racey style, and looks fine. The bike is a roady bike. Like the Roadeo in purpose, but slightly heavier tubing, and has braze-ons for racks (light loads only) and fenders. Clearance for 33mm tires, fenders. Kickstand plate (our signature!). Frame fork around \$950 (to be dtermnd). Bikes, a la carte.



Here's a local customer's Hunqa. One of the most striking bikes we've seen. Hot diggety. Stunning. I want one just like it. This is made for us by Toyo, part in Taiwan, part in Japan (the whole fork is Japanese, and the chainstays. Most expensive tubing we've ever used for the main frame---heat treated Japanese Kaisei 8630. It doesn't need to be that good, or expensive, but the part of the frame made in Taiwan reduced labor costs enough to let us go ultra whole hog with these tubes. Let me say this: It doesn't make any difference in the ride of the bike. It gives the bike more strength, but in a bike like this, it's over-overkill. Tough, we did it, and now we move on. Some Hunqas are made by Waterford, NOT with that tubing, but with an equivalent, or so. When you order, no choice. Subtle diffs, equally good, and we aren't going to stroke your hand as you wretch with indecision about which to get, because....there's no choosing. They are both Genuine Hunqapillars! Hooray! Sizes are 47 & 51 (for 26-inch wheels); 54-58-62 (700c). The two bigggg sizes have the diagatube, as shown. Frame-fork-headset: \$1500. Bike as shown, 'bout \$3,200?

