

SEXY FISH

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JAPANESE WHISKIES

Japanese whisky's reputation outside its home has been growing steadily for the past decade. Whisky lovers have fallen under the spell of a whisky style which takes a classical template and then applies very Japanese principles to it.

The success of any whisky-making nation lies in its ability to make its whiskies speak of the culture from which they spring. Japanese whisky does this. When approaching them, therefore, free your mind of Scottish images and instead celebrate their differences. These are whiskies which are heightened in terms of aroma, precise and ordered on the palate. They have transparency and clarity, and manage to be both restrained, yet intense.

New aromas are present – the incense note of Japanese oak for example – as well as familiar pointers like green grassiness, smoke, dried and soft fruits, yet even known flavours like these manifest themselves in a new manner when in the hands of Japanese distillers: the coastal intensity of Yoichi, the cool green pine notes of Hakushu, the calm, rounded completeness of any of the blends. Please enjoy your journey through a new world of whisky, flavour and magic.

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OUR SERVES

Our Standard Serve

We serve all our Japanese Whiskies in a chilled crystal rock glass, over a hand carved ice ball, with a side of still water. If you prefer your whisky neat or in a different type of glass please let us know.

Highball

This is the most popular serve for whiskies in Japan. The whisky is stirred with crystal clear ice in an Highball before being gently topped up with chilled soda water. The carbonation is bringing the whisky to life. This is a perfect serve for a smoky or peaty whisky like Hakushu or Yoichi.

Mizuwari

Another Japanese favourite : the whisky is this time mixed with chilled still water. This serve suits more delicate malt like Miyagikyo.

All our serve involve hand carved or cut ice from a big block of crystal clear ice. This technique requires time and precision, please allow up to 10 minutes for the serve to be ready.

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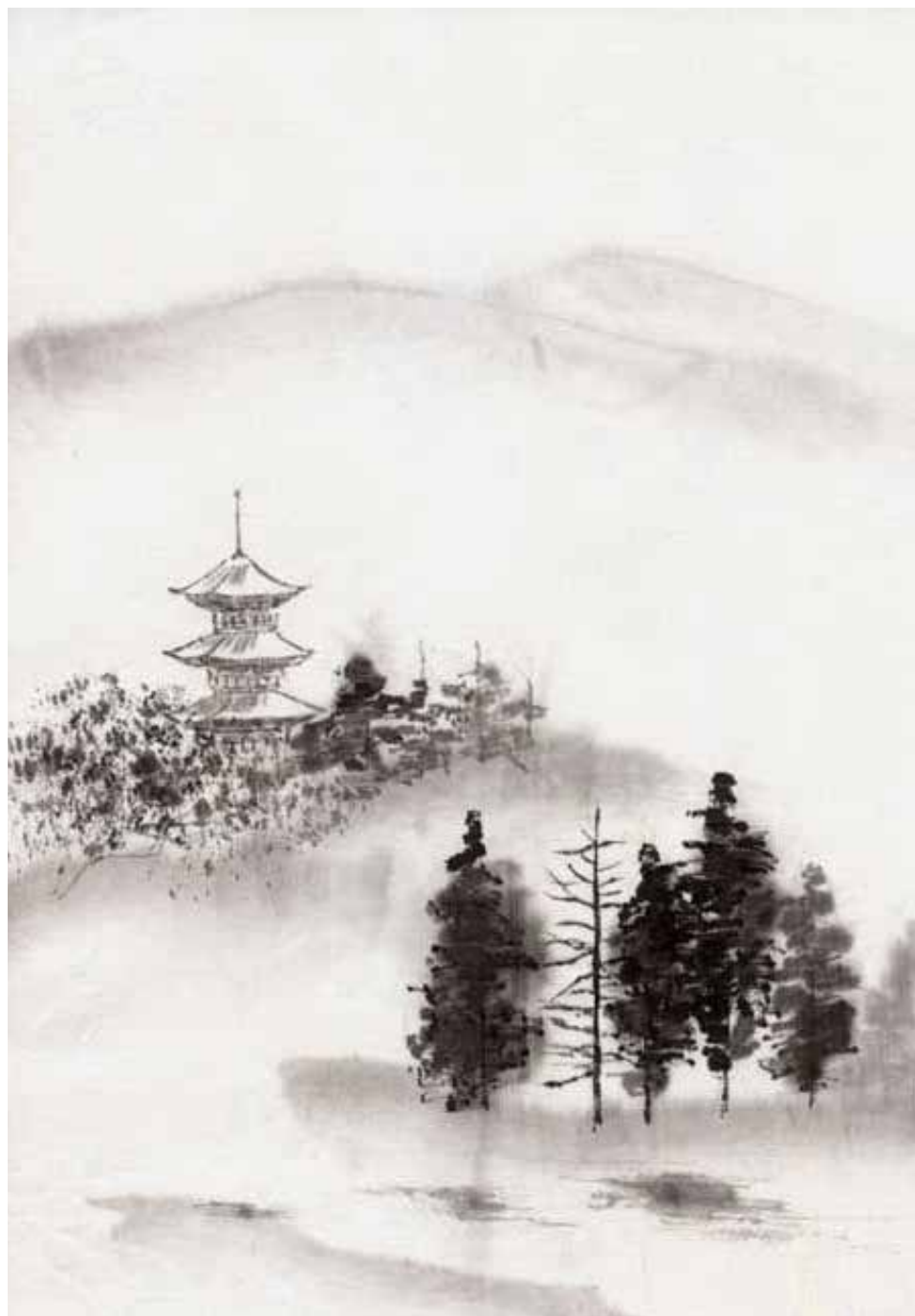
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YOICHI DISTILLERY

In 1934, after Masataka Taketsuru's 10 year contract with Suntory was up he realised his dream and set up his own whisky distillery on Hokkaido. Surrounded by mountains and the sea, with a climate not unlike the coastal whisky-producing communities in Scotland, he thought this site to be ideal for his distillery. The first pot still was installed in 1935 and was made specifically to Taketsuru's orders. Yoichi distillery's signature is rich, Highland-like, peaty, slightly sulphury and very potent, almost masculine malts.

Yoichi No Age	20	45%
Yoichi No Age LMDW	30	43%
Yoichi 10yo	40	45%
Yoichi Rum Finish	45	46%
Yoichi Bourbon Finish	45	46%
Yoichi Sherry Finish	45	46%
Yoichi Hokkaido Ceramic Bottle Limited Edition ...	50	43%
Yoichi 12yo	55	45%
Yoichi Woody and Vanillic	70	55%
Yoichi 2000's 9yo	70	57%
Yoichi Peaty & Salty 12yo	70	55%
Yoichi 15yo	75	45%
Yoichi Sherry & Sweet 12yo	87	55%
Yoichi 12yo 70th Anniversary	100	58%
Yoichi 20yo	100	52%
Yoichi 1991 #29459 23yo Virgin Puncheon	120	62%
Yoichi 10yo #407281	150	63%
Yoichi SMWS 116.20 1987 26yo Virgin Puncheon ..	250	61%
Yoichi SMWS 116.8 1986 19yo	300	52.9%



MIYAGIKYO DISTILLERY

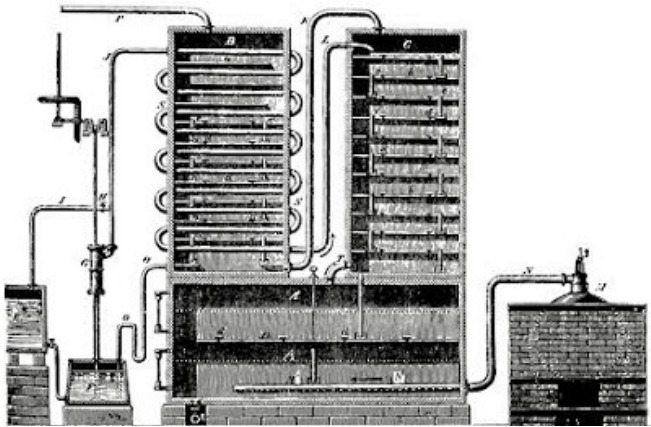
Located in a rich green, bamboo-forested stretch of land with a humid and crisp air, surrounded by a towering mountain range, the Miyagikyo distillery is situated approximately 25km to the northwest of Sendai. It was completed in 1969 as Nikka's second distillery and came on stream in the same year.

Miyagikyo No Age.....	20	45%
Miyagikyo No Age LMDW	30	43%
Miyagikyo 10yo.....	30	45%
Miyagikyo Date.....	30	43%
Miyagikyo 12yo.....	35	45%
Miyagikyo Rum Finish	45	46%
Miyagikyo Bourbon Finish.....	45	46%
Miyagikyo Sherry Finish.....	45	46%
Miyagikyo 15yo.....	50	45%
Miyagikyo Fruity & Rich 12yo	50	55%
Miyagikyo Malty & Soft 12yo	50	55%
Miyagikyo 2002 9yo #101127 Refill Sherry Butt	60	62%
Miyagikyo 1999 13yo #300092 Hogshead	65	61%
Miyagikyo 1996 18yo #66535 Hogshead.....	75	62%
Miyagikyo 12yo Sherry & Sweet	78	55%
Miyagikyo 2000's	90	53%
Miyagikyo 12yo 70th Anniversary	100	58%
Miyagikyo 1990 15yo #27216 Hogshead	140	54%
Miyagikyo 1988 23yo #92414.....	300	57%

NIKKA COFFEY

Nikka operates two Coffey stills (named after its inventor Aeneas Coffey) within the Miyagikyo distillery for the elaboration of its grain whiskies. Imported from Scotland in 1963, these old stills yield a distillate with more flavour and depth than modern column stills, imparting a distinct character that defines the house blends.

Nikka Coffey Grain.....	13	45%
Nikka Coffey Malt.....	13	45%
Nikka Coffey Malt 1998 14yo #143228 Hogshead....	32	60%
Nikka Coffey Grain 1995 26yo #131524	60	63%
Nikka Coffey Grain 1999 14yo #209699 Bourbon Barrel.....	60	63%
Nikka Coffey Grain 12yo 70th Anniversary	100	58%
Nikka Coffey Malt 1998 14yo #218774.....	140	57%
Nikka Coffey Grain 2000 11yo #231298 Hogshead.....	175	63%



NIKKA BLENDED...

Nikka Days	9	40%
Blended.....	9	40%
All Malt.....	10	40%
From the barrel	12	51,4%
Pure Malt Black	13	43%
Pure Malt Red.....	13	43%
Taketsuru No Age	13	43%
Super Revival	20	43%
Black Clear Whisky.....	20	37%
Black Deep Blend	20	45%
Black 8yo.....	25	40%
Black Blender's Spirit 60th Anniversary.....	28	43%
Nikka 12yo	30	43%
Black Memorial Special Blend.....	30	40%
Super Premium	30	43%
Super Rare Old.....	30	43%
Black Special.....	35	42%
Pure Malt White	35	43%
Tsuru 17yo.....	35	43%
Tsuru 17yo White Ceramic Special Edition	35	43%
Kingsland Old Malt	37	43%

...NIKKA BLENDED

Taketsuru 17yo	40	43%
Hi! 1980's	40	39%
Hisa Kinsoku 100th Anniversary	40	43%
Gold & Gold 1979 Hiroshima Toyo Carp Victory	45	43%
The Blend of Nikka 17yo	45	45%
Nikka Hi Hi	45	39%
Club Malt 100 Pure and Clear	50	40%
G&G Armour Samurai	50	43%
Taketsuru 21yo	50	43%
Pure Malt Sherry Cask	60	40%
Kingsland	70	43%
New Kingsland Ring 1984	75	43%
Super 15yo	80	43%
Gold & Gold Armor Gold	80	43%
Nikka 100	85	40%
Nikka Anniversary Blend 2000 20yo	85	43%
Nikka 70th Anniversary Blend	100	58%
Nikka Cask Strength 16yo	120	43%
Taketsuru 25 yo Pure Malt	125	43%
Taketsuru 21 80th Anniversary Unfiltered	150	48%
Taketsuru 21yo Madeira Finish	150	46%
Nikka 40yo	500	43%



YAMAZAKI DISTILLERY...

Believed to be the first Japanese whisky distillery, the Yamazaki distillery was founded in 1924 by Shinjiro Torii with Masataka Taketsuru as his Master distiller.

The distillery is located in the small town Shimamoto, close to Kyoto in the Osaka Prefecture, and surrounded by native bamboo forests and three rivers, Katsuragawa, Kizugawa and Ujigawa, providing an excellent water source, known as the ‘Water of Rikyu’ used by Sen No Rikyū, the refiner of the Japanese tea ceremony in the 1500s.

Yamazaki Distiller’s Reserve	13	43%
Yamazaki 12yo	25	43%
Yamazaki Limited Edition 2014	40	43%
Yamazaki 1999 12yo #DQ70032 Puncheon	45	58%
Yamazaki 18yo	45	43%
Yamazaki Bourbon Barrel 2013.....	45	48.2%
Yamazaki Limited Edition 2015	55	43%
Yamazaki Distillery Exclusive #287075	55	40%
Yamazaki Distillery Exclusive #279067	55	40%
Yamazaki Distillery Exclusive #278906	55	40%
Yamazaki Bourbon Barrel 2011	60	48%
Yamazaki Puncheon 2011	60	48%
Yamazaki 8yo for Aeon	60	48%
Yamazaki Puncheon 2012.....	65	48%
Yamazaki Puncheon 2013.....	65	48%
Yamazaki 12yo Watami President’s Choice	70	43%
Yamazaki Limited Edition 2016	70	43%

...YAMAZAKI DISTILLERY

Yamazaki 12yo Watami Founder's Choice.....	80	43%
Yamazaki W007.....	80	48%
Yamazaki Limited Edition 2017	80	43%
Yamazaki Plum Liqueur Cask Finish	80	43%
Yamazaki 93 Yokohama Port 150th Anniversary... ..	110	53%
Yamazaki 98 Yokohama Port 150th Anniversary ..	110	61%
Yamazaki Single Cask 98 Izumiya 60th Anniversary.....	135	60%
Yamazaki 25yo.....	170	43%
Yamazaki Mizunara Cask 2012	180	48%
Yamazaki Mizunara Cask 2013	180	48%
Yamazaki 10yo Nissen Since 1949	190	40%
Yamazaki Owner's Cask 1999 16yo #DR70083 Puncheon	190	59%
Yamazaki 18 Mizunara Cask 2017	200	48%
Yamazaki 1996 12yo First Fill Sherry Butt	240	60%
Yamazaki Owners Cask 1992 14yo #ZM70409 Bourbon Barrel.....	250	54%
Yamazaki 2013	350	48%
Yamazaki Sherry Cask 2016	400	48%
Yamazaki Owner's Cask 1993 Spirit of Malt Series	500	61%

CHITA DISTILLERY

The Sun Grain Chita distillery was founded by Suntory in Chita, Aichi prefecture in 1972. As the name suggests, grain whisky is its specialty. Most of the grain whisky produced in Chita is used to compose the famous Hibiki blends.

Chita Single Grain	25	43%
Chita G13.1 SMWS 4yo	35	58.3%

HAKUSHU DISTILLERY

Built in 1973, 50 years after Suntory’s first distillery, Hakushu is the world’s largest malt distillery in terms of its production. It is located in Hakushu forest, in the city of Hokuto. Hakushu, meaning ‘white sandbar’ got its name from the alluvial, white sand fanned out on the banks of the Ojira and Jingu rivers. Surrounded by clean and cool air and at 700 metres above sea level, the distillery is twice as high as most of its Scottish and local counterparts and so low-pressure distillation occurs naturally, which helps contribute to the whisky’s lighter and distinct West Highland character.

Hakushu Distillers Reserve.....	13	43%
Hakushu 12yo	20	43%
Hakushu Minami Alps No Pure Malt	28	40%
Hakushu 18yo	45	43%
Hakushu 10yo Single Malt	50	40%
Hakushu 10yo Pure Malt.....	50	40%
Hakushu Bourbon Barrel 2011	60	48.2%
Hakushu 1991 Furudaru Shiage	110	43%
Hakushu 25yo.....	110	43%
Hakushu 1995 Yokohama Port 150th Anniversary ..	110	56%
Hakushu 1981 kioke Shiomi Pure Malt	120	43%
Hakushu 1996 Yokohama Port 150th Anniversary ..	135	58%
Hakushu Heavily Peated 2013.....	150	48%
Hakushu Sherry Cask 2012.....	150	48%
Hakushu Owner’s Cask 1990 17yo #OD40177		
Hogshead.....	160	61%
Hakushu 10yo Hogshead 1996.....	185	61%
Hakushu Sherry Cask 2013.....	200	48%

— SUNTORY —
SUNTORY BLENDED...

Hibiki Japanese Harmony.....	12	43%
Hibiki Japanese Harmony Master Select.....	25	43%
Hibiki Japanese Harmony Special Edition.....	30	43%
Hibiki Japanese Harmony 30 th Anniversary Edition	30	43%
Hibiki 17yo.....	35	43%
Hibiki 80's.....	75	43%
Hibiki 12 FV.....	85	43%
Hibiki 21yo.....	85	43%
Hibiki 30yo.....	150	43%
Torys Classic.....	12	37%
Toki.....	15	43%
Royal Slim Bottle.....	15	43%
Special Reserve Yamazaki Tower Bottle.....	15	43%
Suntory Classic.....	15	43%
Red Label.....	25	39%
Very Rare Old Whisky for 1972 Winter Olympics..	25	43%
Osaka JC 50th Anniversary.....	25	43%
'ZA' Final Version.....	25	40%
Suntory 60th Anniversary.....	25	43%
Zen Pure Malt 100% Final Version.....	30	40%
Old Whisky Clubhouse.....	30	43%
Old Whisky Snake.....	30	43%
Old Whisky Horse.....	30	43%
Old Whisky Mouse.....	30	43%
Old Whisky Wheat.....	30	43%
Old Whisky Dragon.....	30	43%
Old Whisky Joetsu Shinkansen.....	30	43%
Old Whisky Sea Bream.....	30	43%
Old Whisky Sheep.....	30	43%
Old Whisky Rabbit.....	30	43%

— SUNTORY —
...SUNTORY BLENDED

Old Whisky Boar	30	43%
Kakubin 1980.....	32	40%
Kakubin Black Label	32	43%
Red Super Smooth Clean and Dry.....	35	39%
Old Whisky Expo '85.....	40	43%
Old Whisky Mild & Smooth.....	40	43%
Royal 60's-70's	40	43%
Special Reserve 1960's.....	40	43%
Hisa Kinsoku 100th Anniversary	40	43%
Royal 12yo Year of The Horse	40	43%
White.....	40	43%
Royal	40	43%
Royal 12yo Summit Okinawa Memorial Label	40	40%
Royal 12yo year 2000.....	40	40%
Imperial	50	43%
Suntory Millennium Decanter	50	43%
Suntory Royal 15yo Gold Label	50	43%
Special Reserve Golf Player	60	43%
Old Zodiac bottle 1983 - White Rabbit	60	43%
Open Golf Tournament 20th Anniversary	60	43%
Special Reserve Open Tournament	65	43%
Royal Zodiac Whisky for the Year 2017	65	43%
Old Suntory 60-70's.....	70	43%
Excellence 70's.....	70	43%
Royal 15th Open Golf Tournament 2005	70	43%
Royal Hawaiian Open 1988	70	43.4%
Torys Fuji	80	40%
Prestige 25yo.....	150	43%
Sun-co Noblesse Oblige 25yo.....	300	43%

CHICHIBU DISTILLERY...

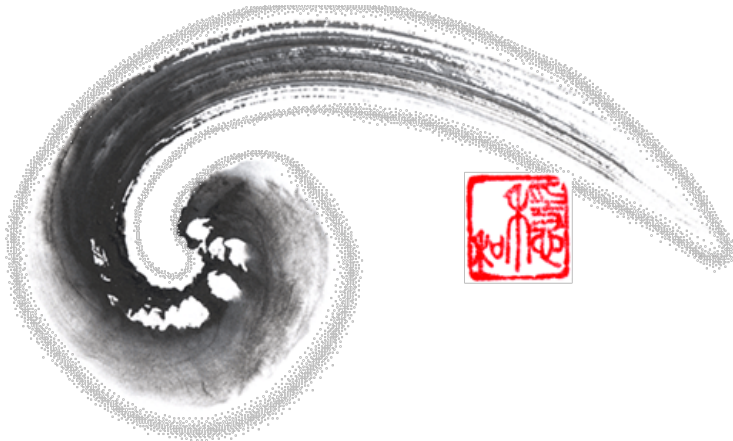
The latest addition to Japanese whisky producers, Chichibu started in March 2008. Located only 70km from Tokyo, near the Arakawa River, Chichibu was founded by Ichiro Akuto-san, heir to the old Hanyu distillery.

Rough winters and hot and humid summers, provide the perfect maturity to the whiskies produced in Chichibu despite their young age. A small distillery, Chichibu produces small quantities, but the remaining stocks of Hanyu, Kawasaki and Karuizawa hosted on site allow Ichiro Akuto to offer rare and exceptional malt whiskies.

Chichibu Chibidaru 2010 3yo.....	20	53.5%
Chichibu Floor Malted 3yo	20	58.5%
Chichibu Malt & Grain	20	46%
Chichibu Malt & Grain Black Label.....	25	50%
Chichibu/Hanyu Double Distilleries	25	46%
Chichibu/Hanyu Wine Wood Reserve.....	25	46%
Chichibu/Hanyu Mizunara Wood Reserve	40	46%
Chichibu 2009 7yo #635 Bourbon Barrel No1 10th Anniversary	45	62%
Chichibu 2012 5yo #2088 Second Fill Bourbon Barrel	50	61.4%
Chichibu IPA Csk Finish 2017	50	57.9%
Chichibu 2009 7yo #633 Bourbon Barrel	50	61.4%
Chichibu First Fill Sherry Hogshead 5yo #2588	55	61.9%
Chichibu On The Way bottle 2013.....	60	53.5%

....CHICHIBU DISTILLERY

Chichibu London Edition 2018	60	56.5%
Chichibu Chibidaru 2009 3yo	70	53.5%
Chichibu Tokyo Bar Show 2018	80	61.3%
Chichibu The First 3yo.....	80	61.8%
Chichibu/Hanyu Gasai.....	100	61.9%
Chichibu Port Pipe 2012	100	62%
Chichibu 2010 6yo Kusuda Wine Cask	130	59.4%
Chichibu 2010 4yo #2640 PX & Hogshead.....	140	59.4%
Chichibu Malt Dream Cask 2008 8yo #200.....	150	61%
Chichibu 3yo The Peated 2009	185	61.8%



SHINSHU DISTILLERY

Located 800 meters high in Miyata village on Nagano Prefecture, Shinshu distillery was founded in 1985 by Hombo Shuzo Ltd, producer of shochu since 1872. The distillery, which used to produce whisky only during winter, as it also produced other distilled liquors such as brandy, halted its whisky production in 1992, due to sluggish demand. In 2011 production was resumed following the recovery of the whisky market first seen in 2007.

Mars Kasei Blended Whisky	12	40%
Mars Karuizawa Club	15	40%
Mars Saigon Don.....	15	40%
Mars Twin Alps	18	40%
Mars Maltage Cosmo.....	20	43%
Mars The Revival 3yo.....	22	58%
Mars Burn The Barrel.....	25	40%
Mars Komagatake 3yo Sherry & American Oak	25	57%
Mars Komagatake Kohiganzakura - Nature of Shinshu	30	52%
Mars The Lucky Cat.....	35	39%
Mars Komagatake Rindo.....	35	52%
Mars Komagatake Bartenders Project	35	43%
Mars Komagatake Shinanotanpopo	40	52%
Mars Amber	40	40%
Mars Iwai Tradition.....	40	40%
Moshi Moshi 20yo	47	40%
Mars Komagatake 2014 Heavily Peated #1855	60	59.8%
Mars Maltage 10yo.....	70	40%
Mars Komagatake 2012 3yo #1436 Sherry Cask	80	58%
Mars Maltage 10yo Old Wine Cask Finish.....	85	40%
Mars Komagatake 27yo American Oak #479 For Pen and Sinanoya.....	125	59%
Mars Komagatake Sherry Cask #569 1988.....	150	49%
Mars Maltage 3+25.....	250	43%
Mars Komagatake 1986 30yo.....	350	61%

EIGASHIMA SHUZO - WHITE OAK DISTILLERY...

This distillery, predating Suntory and Nikka is located near Seto Inland Sea. A licence was granted in 1888 to distil alcohol, starting with Shochu. In 1919 the production of barley-based alcohol left the pot stils. Whisky production has occurred on the premises since. The White Oak survived difficult years at a cost and as a micro-distillery produces extremely limited amount of single malts.

Akashi White Oak Meisei	13	40%
Akashi Eigashima Red	13	40%
Akashi White Oak.....	15	40%
White Oak Sea Anchor	20	40%
White Oak Akashi Single Malt.....	20	46%
White Oak Akashi Single Malt Bourbon Barrel.....	20	56%
Akashi 5yo Single Cask Limousin Cognac.....	30	55%
Akashi Ariake Virgin Cask 5yo Oloros Sherry Cask Finish	40	50%
White Oak Akashi Tokyo Bar Show 2017	50	61%
Akashi Single Malt 5yo #61071.....	55	50%
Akashi White Oak White Wine Cask #61091	60	54%
Akashi White Oak Bourbon Cask #1129	60	55%
White Oak Akashi 5yo Red Wine Cask.....	60	50%
White Oak Akashi 10yo Old Sherry Butt #5164.....	60	60%
Akashi Single Malt 8	65	40%
Akashi Single Malt 5yo ‘Japanese Label’	70	59%
Akashi 5yo “Sun” American Oak and Sherry Cask..	75	56%
Eigashima 5yo Bourbon Cask for Gaiaflow.....	80	50%
Akashi White Oak Bourbon Cask #1130 for Shinanoya	85	57%

...EIGASHIMA SHUZO - WHITE OAK DISTILLERY

Akashi White Oak 12yo Sherry Cask	100	50%
Akashi White Oak 14yo White Wine Cask	115	56%
Akashi White Oak 15yo Sherry Cask and Konara Oak	120	58%
Kikou 2011 #11055.....	150	59.4%
Akashi 12yo “Moon” Sherry Cask	175	59%

FUJI GOTEMBA DISTILLERY

Fuji-Gotemba distillery, founded in early 1970’s, is located in the town of Gotemba, which lies at the foot of Japan’s iconic Mount Fuji. It holds the record for being the world’s current largest whisky distillery, covering a massive 1.7 million square feet (520,000 square metres) and has a capacity of an impressive 12 million litres a year. It produces both single malt and grain whiskies from imported barley and grain from Scotland and Ireland. Fuji-Gotemba is one of the few distilleries in Japan to have its own bottling plant and cooperage.

Kirin Seagram Bar Premium.....	14	40%
Kirin Oak Master	20	40%
Single Grain Blenders Choice.....	25	46%
Single Malt Blenders Choice.....	25	46%
Kirin.....	25	50%



SAZANOKAWA DISTILLERY

Sazanokawa distillery is based in Koriyama City, Fukushima Prefecture, which is inland from the main tsunami-hit areas and about 40 miles from the stricken Fukushima No.1 nuclear plant. Nevertheless, it did suffer significant damage in the March 11 disaster.

Sazanokawa Yamazakura Blended	20	40%
Sazanokawa Black Label Blend	20	40%
Yamazakura 963 Malt and Grain	20	59%
Yamazakura 963 8yo.....	25	58%
Yamazakura 963 8yo.....	25	59%
Sazanokawa Shuzo, Yamazakura Blended 16yo.....	30	40%
Sazanokawa Shuzo, Yamazakura 15yo	45	43%
Yamazakura Pure Malt.....	35	48%
Yamazakura Cherry Ex Fine Old Blended Whisky Final Old Version.....	45	40%
Yamazakura 963 21yo.....	55	59%
Yamazakura Shuzo, Yamazakura 9yo Cask Strength	60	56%

MONDE SHUZO DISTILLERY

A relatively young company, Monde Shuzo was established in 1952 in the town of Isawa in Yamanashi prefecture, just west of Tokyo. It is mainly known for producing wine, Chinese spirits and vodka, although it also produces a small quantity of whisky each year.

Isawa Blended Malt	14	40%
Monde Royal Crystal Bottling	18	40%
Fujikai Single Malt 10yo	35	43%

WAKATSURU DISTILLERY

The history of Wakatsuru breweries stretches back to the Tokugawa era in 1862. In what is now known as the city of Fukuoka, a wealthy farmer named Kyujiro obtained a license for brewing. The company would continue to be a family business until 1918 when it became a public company.

Wakatsuru Shozou, Sunshine	40	37%
Sunshine 20yo	75	40%

TOGOUCHI CHUGOKU DISTILLERY

Founded near the city of Hiroshima, Chugoku Jozo produce since 1918 fruit liqueurs, sake and shochu. Chugoku Jozo does not distill whisky but imports it already distilled, directly from Scotland for malt whisky and from Canada for grain whisky. The barrels of whisky are imported and then first stored in a foreign cargo area by the Japanese customs authorities until Chugoku Jozo performs the duties with paying the taxes and, somehow, naturalizes the whisky contained in these casks which become officially Japanese. The whisky is then aged in sherry and brandy casks, in a unique location: a tunnel with a length of 361 meters drilled in 1970 by JR Japanese railway company, in order to expand the line up from Kabe to Hamada in Shimane. But the project never came to reality.

Togouchi Premium	16	40%
Togouchi 12yo	18	40%
Togouchi 18yo	20	43%
Togouchi 9yo	20	40%
Togouchi 8yo	25	40%
Togouchi For Hiroshima Toyo Carp	40	40%
Togouchi 15yo	45	43.8%

AIOI UNIBIO DISTILLERY

Aioi Unibio, Rainbow 12yo.....	19	40%
Aioi Unibio, Rainbow	19	37%

KIKORI DISTILLERY

Kikori.....	20	41%
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TOYO JOZO COMPANY LTD

Jupiter J.B.A	20	42%
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KAMIKI

Kamiki.....	25	48%
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SAPPORO SHUSEI DISTILLERY

The Sapporo Shusei distillery is ideally located in the beautiful area of Hokkaido. The brewery has long used the underground water of Sapporo mountain range to produce quality drinks popular in Hokkaido.

Sapporo SS.....	19	43%
Sapporo 40.....	19	40%
Sapporo 37.....	19	37%

AKKESHI DISTILLERY

Akkeshi New Born Foundations 2.....	50	58%
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TAKARA SHUZO DISTILLERY

King Whisky Rin..... 20 37%

MATSUI DISTILLERY

Kurayoshi 8yo Sherry Cask 50 46%

MIYASHITA DISTILLERY

Okayama..... 40 40%

BOUTIQUE-Y WHISKY COMPANY

Japanese Blended Whisky #1 21yo..... 60 47.5%

TOYA SHUZO

Golden Horse Bushu 15 43%

Golden Horse Musashi..... 20 43%

NIRASAKE DISTILLERY

The Fujisan Whisky Limited Edition..... 25 40%

HELIOS DISTILLERY

Kura The Whisky Pure Malt..... 15 40%

Kura The Whisky Pure Malt Japanese Rum Barrel . 100 40%

KAIYO

Kaiyo Mizunara 20 43%

Kaiyo Mizunara Cask Strength 25 53%

KARUIZAWA DISTILLERY...

Opened in 1955, Karuizawa Distillery has always imported its malted barley from Scotland, and was probably the first Japanese distillery to do so. The decrease in local whisky consumption forced Mercian Company (the owner) to close in 2001, however in 2011, UK based Number One Drinks Company bought the remaining stock of the Karuizawa, releasing special editions of this soon to be finished treasure.

Ocean 100% Malt	40	43%
Ocean 100% Grain	40	43%
Ocean White Ship	50	40%
Gloria Ocean Ship	50	43%
Hanshin Tigers 2003 Senshi Tachi	60	37%
Spirit of Asama 48	70	48%
Spirit of Asama 55	70	55%
8yo Pure Malt	80	40%
Ocean Heaven Mercian Blend	80	40%
12yo 100% Malt	90	40%
8yo Mercian Master's Blend	90	40%
Spirit of Asama 1999-2000	100	46%
Karuizawa/Kawasaki Ootori 15yo	100	40%
Spirit of Asama 1999-2000	120	50.5%
Karuizawa 17yo	150	40%
1990 22yo #679 First Fill Sherry Cask Geisha	150	56.1%
1984 28 yo #3692 First Fill Sherry Cask No1	180	61.6%
2000 12yo #132.6 Refil Sherry Butt SMWS	220	63%
1980 35yo Sherry Cask Golden 2015 Samurai	240	61.6%
1984 Karuizawa 29yo Sherry Cask #3662		
TWE & Shinanoya	350	61%
Ghost Series #7 Time Slip Reinvigorated: 30yo Karuizawa & 45yo Kawasaki blended in the 1970's	350	43%

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1999 Butterfly 18yo #6258 Sherry Cask	350	61.2%
1999 Cherry Blossom 17yo #671 Sherry Cask	350	61.3%
2000 Crow 17yo #2577 Sherry Cask	350	61.0%
2000 Freshly Budded Bracken 16yo #7497 Sherry Cask.....	350	61.4%
2000 Plum Blossom 17yo #512 Sherry Cask	350	59.5%
1981 33yo Sherry Cask Black Samurai	400	63.4%
Karuizawa Boutique-y Batch #1	400	48.9%
1970 42yo #6177 Sherry Cask	400	64.3%
1982 30yo #8444 Bourbon Cask Cocktail Series..	400	58.6%
30yo Geisha #8606 Bourbon Cask	450	55.8%
1981 33yo #152 Sherry Cask.....	450	54.5%
1984 29yo #3663 First Fill Sherry Cask.....	450	56.8%
1984 33yo #3579 Sherry Cask Golden Geisha....	400	63.4%
1981 32yo #6056 First Fill Sherry Cask TWE....	450	60.3%
1981 31yo #3667 Sherry Cask Golden Geisha	450	59.4%
1969 42yo #8183 Bourbon Cask	500	61.3%
1981 31yo #78 Sherry Cask Prendre Le Temps....	500	60.5%
1983 31yo Sherry Cask White Samurai.....	500	59.1%
1995 Karuizawa 13yo Mercian Rouge Red Wine Cask #5021.....	500	63%
1981 31yo #4961 Bourbon Cask Shinanoya 5th Anniversary	520	60%
1983 28yo #7576 Sherry Cask Noh	500	57.2%
Emerald Geisha 35yo Bourbon Cask #8518	650	54.4%
Emerald Geisha 33yo Sherry Cask #8908	650	59.1%

HANYU DISTILLERY

Hanyu distillery was founded in 1941 by Akuto family, initially as a sake brewery and Shochu distillery, 31 miles from Chichibu. In 1980, serious attempts were begun to produce a Scotch-style malt whisky.

This lasted until 2000 when the whisky business finished due to weakened profitability. The distillery equipment was dismantled and sold to Ichiro Akuto (Chichibu) in 2004. The house style was similar to Speyside with distinct sherry markers and a light stroke of burning peat.

2000 16yo #362 Bourbon Cask	70	56.1%
2000 16yo #359 Red Oak Hogshead.....	80	56.6%
2000 Ichiro's Malt 14yo Bourbon Barrel		
#923 for Takshimaya	90	57%
9 of Clubs 20yo #401 Hogshead & Bourbon		
Barrel.....	140	57.3%
6 of Hearts 21yo #405 Hogshead & Puncheon	150	57.9%
Tay Bak Chiang 14yo American Hogshead	150	59.9%
2000 15yo #358 Red Oak Hogshead.....	150	56.9%
Hanyu Isetan 1991 23yo #1386 Madeira Cask	190	54.1%
Hanyu Isetan 2000 14yo #531 Cognac Cask	190	55.5%
Hanyu 2000 14yo Zuma Roka #919	300	57.4%
Ghost Series #3 14yo Grappa Cask #1702.....	300	59.9%
The Joker colour label.....	350	57.7%

KAWASAKI DISTILLERY

Kawasaki was set up in 1935 on the outskirts of Tokyo. One of the smallest distilleries in Japan, it is not as well-known as its sister distillery Karuizawa but had a reputation for making excellent grain whisky.

By the late 1990s, the company's fortunes began to shift and in 2006 Mercian became part of Kirin Holdings, which was not interested in whisky making.

As a consequence, both the Kawasaki and the Karuizawa distilleries were closed down and the remaining stock locked up in a basement. This might have been the end of the story if it were not for Ichiro Akuto, the founder of Venture Whisky and the owner of the Chichibu distillery. Ichiro bought up much of what was remaining of the Karuizawa and Kawasaki stocks and marketed it under the label Ichiro's Choice.

1981 26yo Refill Sherry Butts.	300	62.4%
1982 27yo Refill Sherry Butts	300	65.4%
1976 33yo Refill Sherry Butts.	400	65.6%
Ghost Series #4 Nonjatta. 1980 33yo		
Single Cask #6165	900	59.6%



KAGOSHIMA DISTILLERY

Active from 1953, The Kagoshima Distillery was located on the island of Kyushu. Surrounded by volcanoes, it was often called the “ Naples of the East”. Malt Whisky made here was called Satsuma Whisky. Kagoshima stopped production in 1985

Kagoshima Maltage Satsuma 12yo.	350	43%
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COCKTAILS

OLD FASHIONED

Nikka Coffey Grain, Sugar, Bitters

15

SWEET MANHATTAN

Yamazaki 12yo, Cocchi Torino, Bitters

25

WHISKY SOUR

Hakushu Distiller's Reserve, Citrus, Sugar, Foamer

15

BOULEVARDIER

Nikka Taketsuru Pure Malt, Antica Formula, Campari

15

FLIGHTS

Our flights have been chosen to appeal to the beginners, while satisfying the curiosity of the connoisseurs. They are served on a lazy suzanne, neat, with a side of still water. Prices are proportionally equivalent to the listed Whiskies.

FIRST SIP (20ML EACH)

Suntory Yamazaki Distiller's Reserve

Suntory Hakushu Distiller's reserve

Nikka Coffey Grain

Nikka Taketsuru Pure Malt

21

4 WOODS (20ML EACH)

Yamazaki Bourbon Barrel 2013

Yamazaki Puncheon 2013

Yamazaki Mizunara 2013

Yamazaki Sherry Cask 2013

260

VERTICAL HIBIKI (15ML EACH)

Hibiki Japanese Harmony

Hibiki 12yo

Hibiki 17yo

Hibiki 21yo

Hibiki 30yo

100

WHISKY GLOSSARY

WHISKY The name is an English corruption of the ancient name for spirits "water of life" - which in Scottish and Irish Gaelic is "uisge beatha" or "usquebaugh" and sounded to the English ear like "uishgi" and hence "whisky".

AMERICAN OAK Also known as White Oak or by the binomen *Quercus Alba*, American oak is widely used in whisky cooperage. American Oak has a high vanillin content.

ANGEL'S SHARE (*ALSO 'PART DES ANGES'*) As the whisky ages a small percentage of alcohol evaporates, thus lowering the spirit's abv.

BARREL A large wooden vessel used to store maturing spirit. In the whisky world these must be made from Oak. They are built by coopers and are of varying sizes. A standard whisky barrel has a capacity of approximately 40 gallons (180 litres). The larger the barrel, the less wood contact with the spirit. So, a smaller barrel, in theory, can mature whisky faster.

BLENDED WHISKY Malt whisky combined with grain whisky. By law there must be a minimum of 40% malt whisky.

CHILL-FILTRATION A method of filtering whisky employed to remove residue and a cloudiness which appears when the spirit reaches lower temperatures.

FEINTS (*AKA HEADS, TAILS OR AFTERSHOTS*) The unusable end of a distillation run, unpotable even to the most hardened drinker.

GRAIN WHISKY Indicates by contrast that the raw material is unmalted barley, wheat or maize produced as a continuous process in a column still.

MALT WHISKY This indicates that the raw material is barley malt, by itself fermented with yeast and distilled in a pot still. This produced a far superior whisky to the common grain whisky found in blends.

MATURATION The ageing process of whisky. Whisky can only be aged within an oak cask, it is widely believed that whisky does not age in the bottle.

OAK The variety of wood used as a material for building barrels, as well as a number of other items used during the production of whisky. Oak is from the genus *Quercus* and there are roughly 400 species.

PEATED MALT Malted barley which retains a strong peaty-character after it is kilned over peat fires.

PEAT A dark, partially decayed organic matter formed in the wetlands. It is formed when full decay is arrested by acidic conditions, and when oxygen is not present. Over thousands of years of decomposition it becomes a flammable substance, traditionally used to fire the malted barley kilns. Its flavour is very intense and is oft associated with tar, bitumen and medicinal notes and due to the high incidence in the locality.

POT STILL A traditional still used to distil single malt whisky, among other varieties. Pot Stills are almost exclusively made of copper and are based upon the alembic still, created around the eighth century AD by the Arabian alchemist Jabi ibn Hayyan.

PURE MALT A term that usually refers to Blended Malt Whisky. Nikka released a 'Pure Malt' range.

UNPEATED MALT Malted Barley that has been kilned over fires not fuelled by peat, thus with very little or no phenolic content.

VATTING A now disused term for the blending of malt whisky with that from other distilleries without the addition of grain whisky, or vice versa.

WASH Fermented Wort, a sort of beer of about 7 to 8% abv.

WORT The liquid drawn from the Mash Tun after the mashing process is complete. Present now here are the sugars which will later be fermented with the addition of yeast.

YEAST (aka Barm) A micro organism from the Fungi kingdom. Yeast is used in the fermentation process for it feeds on sugar and produces carbon dioxide and ethyl alcohol.

PUNCHEON : 500 Liters barrel made from American or Spanish oak, used mainly to age Rum or Sherry and finish whisky. The large size guarantees a slow ageing process

HOGSHEAD : A 250 Litres barrel which is made of 5 dismantled bourbon barrels, with new american oak tops

SHERRY BUTT : 500 Liters long shaped barrel made from european oak used to age Sherry

PORT PIPE : 650 Liters cask used to age Port wine

MIZUNARA : Japanese oak, rare and appreciated for its spiciness and richness

QUARTER CASK : 50 liters american oak barrel, its short size accelerates the ageing process

