



AKKESHI "USUI" 2021

HOKKAIDO, JAPAN

The very first blended whisky from the The Akkeshi Distillery located on Japan's northern most island of Hokkaido. "Usui" is a blend of malt whisky distilled from locally grown two-row barley that has been aged no less than 3 years and imported new make grain distillate that has been vatted and matured exclusively in Japan. The malt spirits consists of roughly 60% of the blend and is matured in ex-bourbon, sherry, red wine & Hokkaido Mizunara oak casks. The grain distillate consists of corn & wheat and has been matured in ex-bourbon & red wine casks.

This is the second release in their "24 Solar Terms" series which is inspired by an ancient lunar calendar utilized in Japan to assist farmers for hundreds of years. "Usui" loosely translates to "rain water" and typically starts around February 19th when warmer weather begins melting snow and ice.

TASTING NOTES

Rich & fruity nose with hints of citrus, raisins & cocoa. Reminiscent of curacao on the palate with bright lemon, lime & orange notes. The finish has a milk chocolate sweetness blending perfectly with a white pepper spice.

ALCOHOL

48% ABV

TYPE

MALT & GRAIN BLEND

PEAT LEVEL

10 PPM

US RELEASE

510 BOTTLES

AGE

3+ YEARS



HOKKAIDO AKKESHI DISTILLERY

Located in Japan's northern most island of Hokkaido and further east than any other distillery in the country, production at Akkeshi Distillery started in 2016. The town of Akkeshi has a cool, moist climate with frequent rolling sea fog that blankets the town coming off the marshes of the Bekan-Beushi wetlands. Fog and marshes like these are indispensable to the production of whisky with similar characteristics to Islay malts. Operating in this bountiful natural environment, Akkeshi Distillery will be a sustainable enterprise in harmony with nature.

The goal of Akkeshi Distillery is to blend traditional Scottish methods with the unique flavors of Akkeshi, Japan. With extremely unique aromas and flavors unlike anything else these whiskies will be a delight to aficionados worldwide. Akkeshi Distillery is the true embodiment of craftsmanship and is on track to be a leader in the highest quality Japanese whisky world.

