

DOUBLE DISTILLERIES 2021

SAITAMA, JAPAN

CHICHIBU & MARS KOMAGATAKE BLENDED MALT COLLAB

An unparalleled collaboration between two of Japan's most iconic whisky distilleries, Venture Whisky & Hombo Shuzo. With the pursuit of new possibilities in mind pot distilled new make was exchanged by each distillery in April 2015. Unlike in Scotland where trading of distillate is common practice, this was a first in the 100+ year history Japanese whisky production.

The environment around Chichibu Distillery is rich in nature, benefiting heavily by the Arakawa River and a vast range of temperatures this natural basin provides, while Mars Shinsu Distillery is at high elevation, surrounded by a beautiful forest rich with butterflies & wildlife at the foot of Mt. Komagatake in the Japanese central Alps.

Double Distilleries is a blend of 5+ year old Mars Komagatake, distilled in Nagano yet aged at Chichibu Distillery in Saitama, and Ichiro's Malt that has also been aged 5+ years. Maturation took place in Ex-Bourbon, Sherry & American Oak casks.

TASTING NOTES

On the nose a hint of guava, Okinawan black sugar and wet forest. On the palate lightly saline with a lingering finish of overripe banana.

ALCOHOL

53% ABV

TYPE

BLENDED MALT

SPECIAL NOTE

**THIS BLEND IS
SLIGHTLY OVER 50%
CHICHIBU SPIRIT**

AGED

5+ YEARS

US RELEASE

420 BOTTLES

CASK TYPE

EX-BOURBON, AMERICAN OAK & SHERRY



CHICHIBU DISTILLERY

Akuto Ichiro is an icon of the whisky world, a 21st century whisky maker who embraces the heritage and heart of the Scots while perfectly executing the precision and art of the Japanese and their shokunin philosophy.

It started three centuries ago when the first of Ichiro Akuto's grandfather began making alcoholic beverages in countryside of Saitama, Japan. His grandfather opened the now legendary Hanyu Distillery in the mid-1940's and began making malt whiskies. However, when the bubble burst in the 1990's, Hanyu distillery had to close their doors indefinitely. Ichiro saved his grandfathers' last remaining whisky casks and slowly released them in a variety of bottlings. His final release, The Playing Card Series, is now legendary with individual bottles being considered the unicorns of the Japanese whisky world.

With this success Ichiro saw that the revival of artisan Japanese whisky was imminent and opened his own distillery in the beautiful Chichibu region two hours west of Tokyo. Uniquely, Chichibu Distillery also built its own cooperage and floor malting facility on site. The distillery is also the only in the world to use 100% Mizunara Japanese oak washbacks.

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