

THE FIRST TEN

SAITAMA, JAPAN

The first official 10 year bottling from the Chichibu Distillery. Although there have been special bottlings such as the Malt Dream Cask releases that have hit 10 years The First Ten is the first and only age statement release from Chichibu Distillery. A portion of the malt included in this bottling is locally grown in Chichibu making it one of a kind from both an age statement and raw materials perspective.

TASTING NOTES

Fresh & fruity with long lingering savory notes of honey

ALCOHOL AGED

50.5% ABV 10 YEARS

SIZE LIMITED

750 ML 5000 BOTTLES

SPECIAL NOTES

180 BOTTLES COMING TO THE US



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.

