

# ICHIRO'S MALT: US EDITION 2021

SAITAMA, JAPAN

Annual international release in conjunction with the Paris Edition, London Edition & Taiwan Edition.

On the palate surprising tropical fruit guava, ripe pineapple with ginger and black pepper spice on the mid palate a return to honey on the finish with a kiss of peat.

Matured in New American Oak, 1st Fill Bourbon Barrels & New Hogs-head casks.

Notes of honey & dark cocoa with notes nutmeg & warm pear. Classic tropical fruits such as guava, ripe pineapple with ginger and black pepper spice on the mid-palate. More honey on the finish with just a hint of peat.

ALCOHOL  
**53.5% ABV**

US RELEASE  
**2150 BOTTLES**

AGE  
**NAS**

TYPE  
**SINGLE MALT**

CHILL FILTRATION  
**NONE**

RELEASE  
**SINGLE**



## 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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