

## CASK #11048

### Year of the Tiger Single Barrel

SAITAMA, JAPAN

Bottle Size	ABV Percentage
<b>700ml</b>	<b>62.1%</b>
Distillery Location	Style
<b>Chichibu, Saitama Prefecture</b>	<b>Single Malt</b>
Age Statement	Barrel Used to Age
<b>7 Years</b>	<b>Imperial IPA Cask</b>
Number of Bottles	Mash Bill
<b>251 Bottles</b>	<b>Concerto Barley</b>

This single barrel release from the legendary Chichibu Distillery utilizes an imperial IPA cask to finish this 7 year old whisky. For the past several years Chichibu has been passing casks that previously held their aged malt off to the beloved Tamamura Honten brewery in Nagano. The brewers then refill the casks with a Shiga Kogan Imperial IPA and let it age. Once the ale reaches maturity, it is pulled from the cask which is then sent back to the Chichibu distillery to finish their malt whisky in. This single malt represents a unique symbiosis between two pillars of Japanese craft beverage at the top of their respective games.



## 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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