

## ICHIRO'S MALT & GRAIN LIMITED EDITION

SAITAMA, JAPAN

This whisky is a limited-edition version of the beloved [white label] Malt & Grain. Often referred to as a "World Blend", Malt & Grain Limited Edition is a beautiful harmony of Scotch, Canadian Rye, American Bourbon, Irish Whiskey and Ichiro's Japanese single malt. All the whiskies are 10+ years with many of the world whiskies ranging from 20-40 years of age. Malt & Grain Limited Edition is layered with complexity; each terroir emphasizes its unique characteristics in a balanced, in-depth fashion.

## **TASTING NOTES**

Nose: Apple pie, sweet corn, white pepper, honey

Palate: Banana, confectionery, fresh ginger, cinnamon, lemon

Finish: Toffee, vanilla, caramel

ALCOHOL STYLE

48.0% ABV WORLD BLEND

SIZE FOUNDED YEAR

750 ML 2008

REGION

**SAITAMA** 



## **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.

