



MARS ASAGI MADARA 8 YR

NAGANO, JAPAN

(PRONOUNCED "E-Y")

In September 2020, Mars Shinshu Distillery was renovated and expanded 35 years post-establishment. This Japanese blended whisky, which is at least 8 years old, has refreshing notes reminiscent of the Shinshu forest and wildflowers. The butterfly Asagimadara (*Parantica sita*) on the label, known for migrating long distances, is seen in Miyada Village, where the distillery is located.

This malt and grain blend is 100% Japanese-made, with the malt spirit distilled at Mars Shinshu Distillery and the grain spirits sourced from a different local distillery before the Japanese whisky boom.

TASTING NOTES

Notes of lilies on the nose with well-balanced hints of pear, honey & white pepper.

ALCOHOL

48% ABV

AGE STATEMENT

8+ YEARS

RELEASE

1,122 BOTTLES SINGLE RELEASE

CASK TYPES

**American White Oak, Bourbon Barrel,
Sherry Cask**



MARS DISTILLERY

Mars Whisky is located between Japan's soaring Southern Alps and the towering Central Alps. The Hombo family have been distilling for more than a century and added whisky to their repertoire in 1949. At that time the distillery was located in the Tsunuki region of Kagoshima Prefecture on the southern-most island of Kyushu.

Until 1984, it was the southernmost whisky made in Japan, which ended when the Hombo clan moved the distillery to the idyllic alpine setting of Miyada village in southern Nagano Prefecture, Central Japan. They chose this site for its cool temperature, which slowed maturation, and the plentiful soft granite filtered snowmelt fed aquifers.

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