

# MALT DUO 2021

NAGANO, JAPAN

## MARS KOMAGATAKE & CHICHIBU BLENDED MALT COLLAB

An unparalleled collaboration between two of Japan's most iconic whisky distilleries, Hombu Shuzo & Venture Whisky. With the pursuit of new possibilities in mind, pot distilled new make was exchanged by each distillery in April 2015. Unlike in Scotland where trading distillate is common practice, this was a first in the 100 year history of Japanese whisky production.

The environment around Chichibu Distillery is rich in nature, benefiting heavily by the Arakawa River and a vast range of temperatures this natural basin provides, while Mars Shinshu Distillery is at high elevation, surrounded by a beautiful forest rich with butterflies & wildlife at the foot of Mt. Komagatake in the Japanese Central Alps.

Malt Duo is a blend of 5+ year old Ichiro's Malt distilled in Chichibu yet aged at Mars Shinshu Distillery and Mars Komagatake that has also been aged for 5+ years. Maturation took place in Ex-Bourbon, Sherry & American White Oak casks.

## TASTING NOTES

On the nose a touch of citrus, green plum and brown sugar on the palate cocoa, vanilla with a hint of tobacco. A lingering finish with a soft mouth feel on whisky that is over 100 proof.

ABV	TYPE	RELEASE TYPE
<b>54.0% ABV</b>	<b>BLENDED MALT</b>	<b>SINGLE</b>
US RELEASE	AGED	SPECIAL NOTE
<b>1170 BOTTLES</b>	<b>5+ YEARS</b>	<b>THIS BLEND IS SLIGHTLY OVER 50% MARS SPIRIT</b>
CASKS		
<b>EX-BOURBON, SHERRY &amp; AMERICAN WHITE OAK</b>		



## MARS DISTILLERY

Mars Whisky is located between Japan's soaring Southern Alps and the towering Central Alps. The Hombu 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 Hombu 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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