



MARS MALTAGE COSMO MANZANILLA 2022

NAGANO, JAPAN

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The Cosmo series from Mars Hombo is a line of pure malt vatted whiskies using single malt from their Nagano distillery Komagatake that is blended with whisky from an undisclosed distillery in Scotland. This latest Manzanilla edition highlights the complexity of Japanese blending, utilizing the casks of dry manzanilla sherry to add salinic complexity to the whisky. The soft richness of dried fruit intermingles with maple candy and brown sugar, yielding to an almost bittersweet finish reminiscent of dark chocolate covered coconut.

ALCOHOL

42% ABV

SIZE

700 ML

AGE STATEMENT

NAS

STYLE

PURE MALT

PEATED

LIGHTLY

BARRELS USED TO AGE

EX-BOURBON, VIRGIN OAK, MANZANILLA CASK



MARS HOMBO

Mars Hombo can trace its roots back to the very beginning of malt whisky in Japan. Founded by the silent pioneer of Japanese whisky, Kiichiro Iwai, Mars has embraced innovation and experimentation to complement its traditional technique. Their high elevation Nagano distillery Komagatake reopened in 2011 after long being dormant, ushering a new era of whisky distilling. The comparatively low elevation Tsunuki distillery was opened in 2016 in Kagoshima, the site of Mars' founding location. With these two distilleries, Mars also has a third location on the tiny, rain swept island of Yakushima, used specifically to age its whisky. Kiichiro Iwai's visionary ideas are the bedrock of Mars Hombo and continue to keep their distilleries rooted in historic tradition while continuing the progression of Japanese whisky.

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