

SAKE

20 years ago, we would have categorized food broadly in terms of Eastern and Western. But we are slowly differentiating between the cuisine types, be it Japanese or French, and then further into regional distinctions. Nowadays, we don't even talk about regions but about the styles of chefs as individuals. Similarly with sake, we will get more personal and start considering the sake master and his individual style.

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ultraluxe
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Japanese Sake
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crisp, clean, classic

listed from dry to gently sweet

"drunken whale" suigei tokubetsu junmai	<u>15</u>	<u>40</u>
tart fruits, wildflower, smv +7		
"snow shadow" yuki-kage tokubetsu junmai	<u>15</u>	<u>41</u>
semi-sweet, light, earthy, smv +4		
"hawk in the heavens" tentakajunmai	<u>12</u>	<u>35</u>
mixed nuts, fresh green, mushroom, smv +3		
"heaven x dassai" junmai daiginjo (720ml)	<u>18</u>	<u>170</u>
kasha rice milled down 50%, sweet and savory, smv +3		

fruity, dry

listed from light to full bodied

"chrysanthemum mist" kikusui junmai ginjo	<u>16</u>	<u>40</u>
aroma of yogurt, mandarin, smv +1		
"mirror of truth" seikyo takehara junmai	<u>13</u>	<u>38</u>
fresh fruits, brown butter, umami, smv +1		
watari bunue junmai ginjo 55 (720ml)	<u>17</u>	<u>85</u>
orange zest, musk melon, peaches, smv +3		
dassai 45 junmai daiginjo	<u>17</u>	<u>43</u>
orange peel, jasmine, smv +3		
"snow peak" kubota seppou jdg (500ml)	<u>33</u>	<u>158</u>
seasonal, melon, grape, cherry, smv +2		

citrus, gently sweet

listed from light to full bodied

"sword of the sun" takatenjin	<u>11</u>	<u>34</u>
cucumber, melon, milled to ginjo level, smv +4		
sho chiku bai ginjo	<u>12</u>	<u>32</u>
'tears of dawn' konteki daiginjo	<u>14</u>	<u>43</u>
tropical banana, anise seeds, truffle aromatics, soft, smv +3		
"southern beauty" nanbu binjin jdg	<u>17</u>	<u>43</u>
ginotome rice milled down to 45%, juicy, floral, smv +2		
"the one with clocks" joto daiginjo	<u>19</u>	<u>49</u>
pear yogurt, crushed sage, apple, smv +5		

nigori

listed from light to heavy cloudy

'road to osaka' daimon (720ml)	<u>64</u>
notes of banana, citrus and floral, smv -8	
'moon light' yaemon	<u>10</u> <u>31</u>
pear, citrus and malted rice, smv -5	
kiku masamu junmai nigori (500ml)	<u>8</u> <u>35</u>
smooth, elegant, velvety and creamy	
'devil's mask' murai family nigori genshu	<u>14</u> <u>58</u>
unfiltered (nigori) & undiluted (genshu). bold sake with notes of coconut, currant, cream and spice. 19.8% ALC	
'perfect snow' kikusui nigori	<u>10</u> <u>31</u>
flowery, full bodied, dynamic, 21% ABV	

"We select every bottle of sake, like how we select every piece of vegetable and fish, 100% natural, artisanal and very personal..."



KUBOTA 久保田

Kubota Sake Brewery, founded in 1844, produces sake using spring water from Tanzan. The brewery is located in a natural area that has remained largely unchanged. The sake is crafted using traditional gin brewing methods, with a natural, subtle ginjo aroma and a well-balanced flavor that highlights the umami of rice. The brewery aims to maintain its tradition while continuously enhancing the quality of its sake for future generations.

DASSAI 獺祭

Dassai Sake Brewery, based in Yamaguchi Prefecture, Japan. The brewery celebrated for its meticulous rice polishing techniques and innovative brewing methods. By blending traditional craftsmanship with modern technology, the brewery creates elegant & refined sakes known for their smoothness & aromatic complexity. Dassai has gained international acclaim, bringing the art of Japanese sake to a global audience.



NAKAO SAKE 中尾醸造

Nakao Sake Brewery, located in Hiroshima Prefecture, established in 1871, the brewery is recognized for developing the unique sake yeast strain "Kyokai No. 5," which contributes to the rich, fruity flavors in their sake. Nakao Brewery's signature brand, "Maboroshi," is celebrated for its balance of sweetness & acidity, offering a refined & smooth drinking experience. Combining traditional craftsmanship with modern innovations, Nakao Brewery continues to be a leader in the world of sake.

large format sake (720ml)

	<i>glass</i>	<i>carafe</i>	<i>bottle</i>
kubota white seppou 500ml <i>seasonally limited, muscat grape, musk melon, smv +2</i>			<u>135</u>
dassai 23 daiginjo <i>sake rice polished down to 23%, grape, floral, luscious, smv +4</i>	<u>89</u>		<u>189</u>
'dream comes true' katoukichibee shouten Born Yume Wa masayume junmai daiginjo <i>aged 5 years at -8 celsius, multiple layered, papaya, maple, roes, lemon sorbet, smv +2</i>			<u>495</u>
born wing of japan <i>aged 2 years at 0 celsius, , grape, cherry, smv +3</i>	<u>137</u>		<u>275</u>
'snow county' dewazakura yukimanman daiginjo <i>aged 5 yers, sweet rice, plum, melon, smv +5</i>			<u>265</u>
'ultraluxe' toko junmai daiginjo <i>sweet rice, lychee, white grape, smv +0</i>	<u>98</u>		<u>197</u>
'sophisticated mind' kubota senshin <i>28% polished, sweet rice, floral, smv +2</i>	<u>100</u>		<u>200</u>
'stella drip' inaba shuzou muroka jdg <i>cherries, mango, grapefruit, smv +1</i>	<u>120</u>		<u>240</u>
'autumn basin' tatsuriki honda akitsu jdg <i>8 years of aged, musk melon, nachi pear, smv +0</i>	<u>387</u>		<u>775</u>
'lady killer' hourai junmai daiginjo <i>melon, elegant, snow melt water, smv +3</i>	<u>70</u>		<u>140</u>
'10,000 celebrations' kubota manju jdg <i>fuji apple, tart pear, honeysuckle, smv +2</i>	<u>90</u>		<u>180</u>
'green dragon god' ryujin junmai daiginjo <i>lemon muffin, papaya, plum, smv +1</i>	<u>23</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>111</u>
'sakura gold' tatsuriki nihon no jdg <i>cherry blossom, gold flake, banana, vanilla, smv +3</i>			<u>375</u>
'milky way' nagaragawa tenkawa jg <i>custard apple, mandarin, white peach, smv +3</i>	<u>17</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>81</u>
kubota manju in-house yeast YX edition <i>floral notes, ripe pear, melon, white peach, lychee, smv +2</i>			<u>388</u>

whisky

akashi - japan	<u>10</u>	toki - japan	<u>11</u>
yamazaki 12 - japan	<u>48</u>	woodford	<u>14</u>
iwai - japan	<u>10</u>	yu courage - scotch	<u>13</u>
kavalan - taiwan	<u>18</u>	hakata 17yrs - japan	<u>38</u>
kaiyo - japan	<u>14</u>	tsunuki - japan	<u>15</u>
nikka coffey - japan	<u>19</u>	matsu san-in - japan	<u>15</u>
togouchi 3 yrs - japan	<u>15</u>	macallan 12	<u>15</u>
hibiki - japan	<u>30</u>	maker's mark	<u>8</u>
hakushu 12 - japan	<u>28</u>	kikori - japan	<u>12</u>
omakase 8 yrs - japan	<u>17</u>	suntory ao - japan	<u>15</u>
fukano - japan	<u>12</u>	tenjaku - japan	<u>13</u>
miyagikyo - japan	<u>16</u>		

on the rock or neat

two ounces served over large ice or served neat in a glencairn whisky glass

old fashioned (+\$3)

lightly sweetened over large ice with a touch of bitters and citrus oil.

whisky highball

served on ice with chilled soda water and a lemon zest.

beer

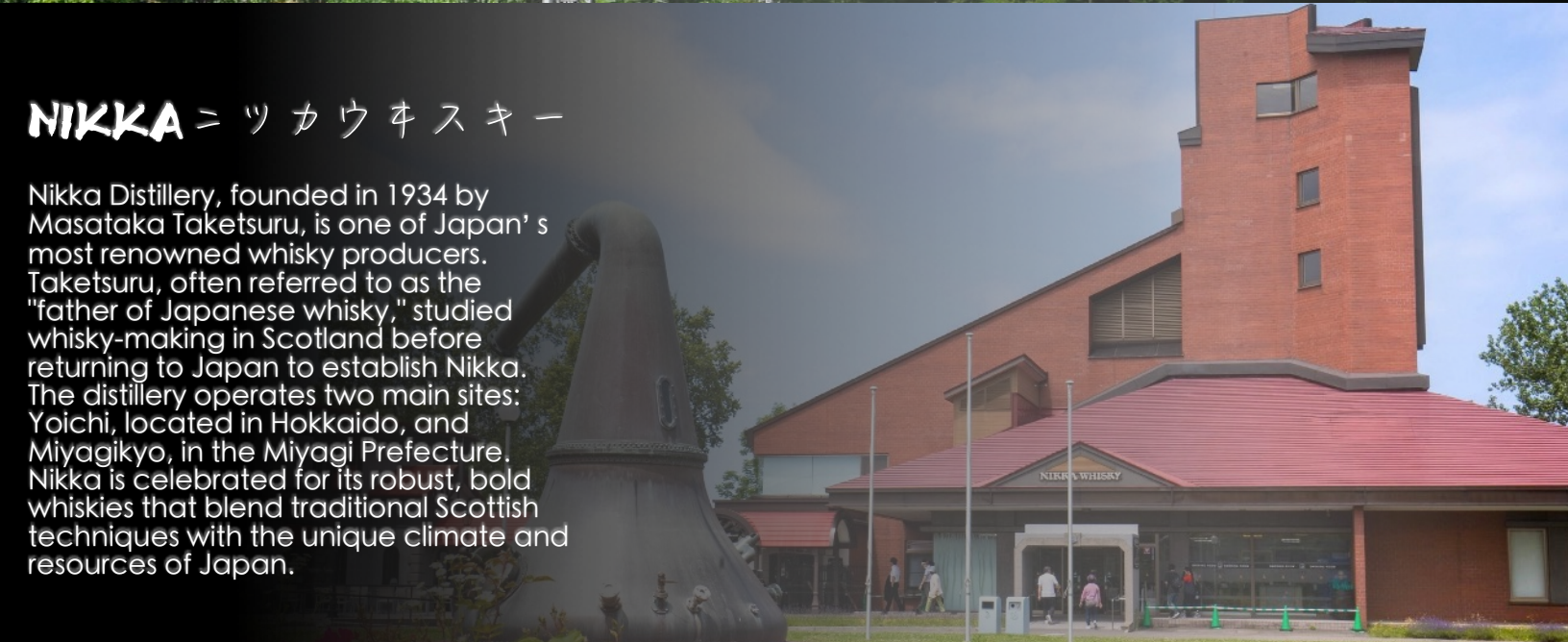
kirin kirin light sapporo asahi asahi zero	<u>5</u>
echigo (stout/ red ale)	<u>12</u>
texas seasonal craft beer (st arnold, eureka height hazy juice)	<u>5.5</u>
kyoto brewery white yuzu ale/ yamadanishiki ale/ kuromame ale/ matcha ipa	<u>13</u>
kizakura brewery lucky dog (pale ale) / lucky cat (white ale) / lucky chicken (ipa) /	<u>12</u>

"I believe the Japanese language is deeply connected with Japanese whisky – and not just simply because there is Japanese calligraphy on the labels. Rather, the way calligraphy is written and what that expresses seems to me to be emblematic of the thinking and emotion found in Japanese whisky."



SUNTORY 山崎

Suntory Distillery, founded in 1923 by Shinjiro Torii, is one of Japan's most iconic whisky producers. Located in Yamazaki, it was first malt whisky distillery from Japan. Suntory is known for its mastery of blending and unique approach to whisky-making, which harmonizes traditional Scottish techniques with Japanese craftsmanship & climate. Famous for brands like Yamazaki, Hakushu, and Hibiki, Suntory has gained international acclaim for its refined, delicate, complex whiskies, making it a pioneer in Japanese whisky industry.



NIKKA ニッカウヰスキー

Nikka Distillery, founded in 1934 by Masataka Taketsuru, is one of Japan's most renowned whisky producers. Taketsuru, often referred to as the "father of Japanese whisky," studied whisky-making in Scotland before returning to Japan to establish Nikka. The distillery operates two main sites: Yoichi, located in Hokkaido, and Miyagikyo, in the Miyagi Prefecture. Nikka is celebrated for its robust, bold whiskies that blend traditional Scottish techniques with the unique climate and resources of Japan.



MARS 信州マルス蒸留所

Mars Distillery, operated by Hombo Shuzo, is a lesser-known yet respected Japanese whisky producer. Founded in 1985, Mars Distillery is located in the high-altitude region of Nagano, offering an ideal environment for whisky maturation due to its cool climate. Mars is known for their balance of sweetness and complexity, influenced by both Scottish traditions and the unique terroir of Japan. Notable whiskies include Mars Komagatake and Mars Iwai, which have helped the distillery gain recognition among whisky enthusiasts worldwide.

cocktails



yuzu be alright
roku gin, oba, campari, nigori

13



shinya swan
roku gin, star anise, smoked honey

13



agave raindrop
tequila, elderflower, lemon, lime,
litchi, yuzu

15



ginmo blossom
roku gin, elderflower, lime, bubbé

13



blōōfin g&t
yuzu gin, yuzu honey, elderflower

15



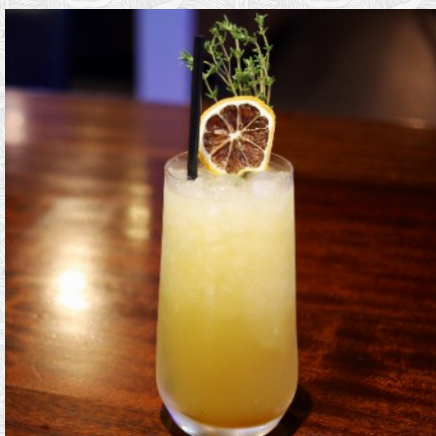
the yeast i could do
nikka gin, yuzu, ginger

13



lycheetini
haku vodka, elderflower, litchi

13



n/naka
haku vodka, passion fruit, lemon,
reisling, lemongrass

13



shiso fashioned
toki whisky, shiso, orange, bitter

15

"There's no such thing as the best. When I get home from work, all I want is a beer. I don't need a bottle of red, even if it's very good. The moment, the timing and the context are all very important."

white wine

sparkling/ skin contact

segura viudas cava brut nv - cava, spain <i>lees, hints of brioche, touches of honey, flower petals</i>	20	60
bouvet-ladubay bouvet signature brut nv - loire, france <i>brioche, pear, honeysuckle</i>	14	52
markus huber 'hugo' rose - niederösterreich, austria <i>fresh cherries, forest berries, crisp finish</i>	12	38
charles le bel "1818" brut champagne nv, mareuil-sur-ay, france <i>brioche, almonds, butter, apple pear</i>	27	108
bianca vigna prosecco doc rose, mareuil-sur-ay, france <i>rose petals, pomegranate, ripe strawberries</i>	14	52

white wine

light, crisp, refreshing

borghi ad est pinot grigio - friuli, italy <i>apple, tomato leaf, peach</i>	11	34
sokor blossom pinot gris - willamette valley <i>apple blossoms, nectarines, apricots</i>	15	56
patz & hall chardonnay - sonoma county <i>summer melon, marzipan, fennel, lemon drop candy</i>	18	54
en attendant sauvignon blanc - val de loire, france <i>orange zest, lemon curd, berry</i>	15	48
13 celsius sauvignon blanc- marlborough, new zealand <i>citrus, lychee, sweet herbs</i>	13	44
j. de villebois sauvignon blanc - loire, france <i>candied pineapple, peach, and mango</i>	14	45
cantine del notaio il preliminare bianco - italy <i>papaya, peach, and mango</i>	14	45
sant' elena pinot grigio - italy <i>pineapple, thai basil, pink grapefruit sorbet</i>	15	54

"There is not only one good wine, when I choose a bottle I have to think of the situation and the occasion. But, most important, I have to think of the person I'm drinking with."

white wine

rich, full bodied

ferrari carano tre terre chardonnay - russian river/ sonoma <i>pear, white peach, orange blossom, vanilla, buttercream, fuji apple cinnamon, apricot, hazelnuts</i>	15	45
stark-conde chenin blanc - cape <i>guava, creme brûlée, musk melon</i>	20	64
diatom chardonnay - santa barbara <i>lemon, citrus blossom, saline</i>	15	48
dr loosen riesling - mosel, german <i>white raspberry, stone fruits, sea salt</i>	12	48

red wine

rich, full bodied

juggernaut cabernet sauvignon - hillside, california <i>ripe black currants, vanilla, licorice, black fruits, tobacco</i>	14	45
decoy merlot - sonoma, california <i>ripe black berries, vanilla, plum</i>	19	60
hess cabernet sauvignon - cali <i>intense blackberries, red currants, toasted oak</i>	13	38
earthquake cabernet sauvignon - lodi, california <i>boysenberry, espresso, toasted marshmallow</i>	15	49

red wine

light, medium bodied

lyric pinot noir - santa barbara <i>bing cherry, raspberry, kola-nut, baking spice</i>	11	43
ken wright pinot noir - willamette valley <i>cedar, passionfruit, bramble fruits</i>	19	61
nielson pinot noir - santa barbara <i>rose petal, red berries, tea leaf</i>	17	55

after dinner drink

royal tokaji 'late harvest' - tokaj, hungary <i>white peach, honey</i>	17
icardi moscato d'asti - italy <i>rose, lavender, honey, lychee</i>	12
'ancient treasure' kanbara - japan <i>8-year aged sake, candied nuts, honey, lemon</i>	13 (2 oz)
espresso shu <i>cold press cocktail</i>	13