



KOMÉ

COLLECTIVE

CRAFT JAPANESE SAKE & SPIRITS

# LEADERS IN JAPANESE SAKE & SPIRITS

Komé Collective is a collection of traditional and cutting edge thought leaders, producers, and brands with a commitment to the culture of Japan. We showcase diverse categories, grades, and flavor profiles.



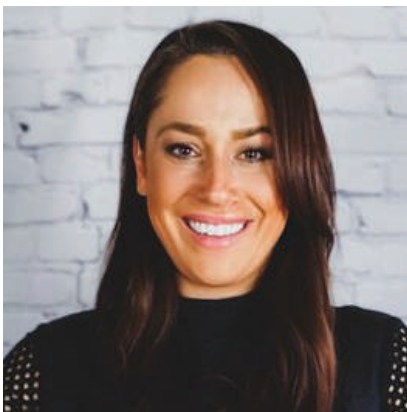
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*Named one of the top 50 under 40 future influencers of the global drinks industry by WSET & IWSC in 2019*

Based in NYC, Monica is one of the country's most accomplished sake professionals and leads the Komé Collective team through education, marketing and sales to drive retail, restaurant and consumer demand.

Monica has worked in the sake business for over fifteen years and brings a unique perspective to the industry. She was named a Top 40 under 40 - "America's Most Influential Tastemakers" by Wine Enthusiast and has been awarded the prestigious Sake Samurai title by the Sake Samurai Association in Japan. Monica is also a Level 3 Certified Instructor for the Wine & Spirits Education Trust (WSET).

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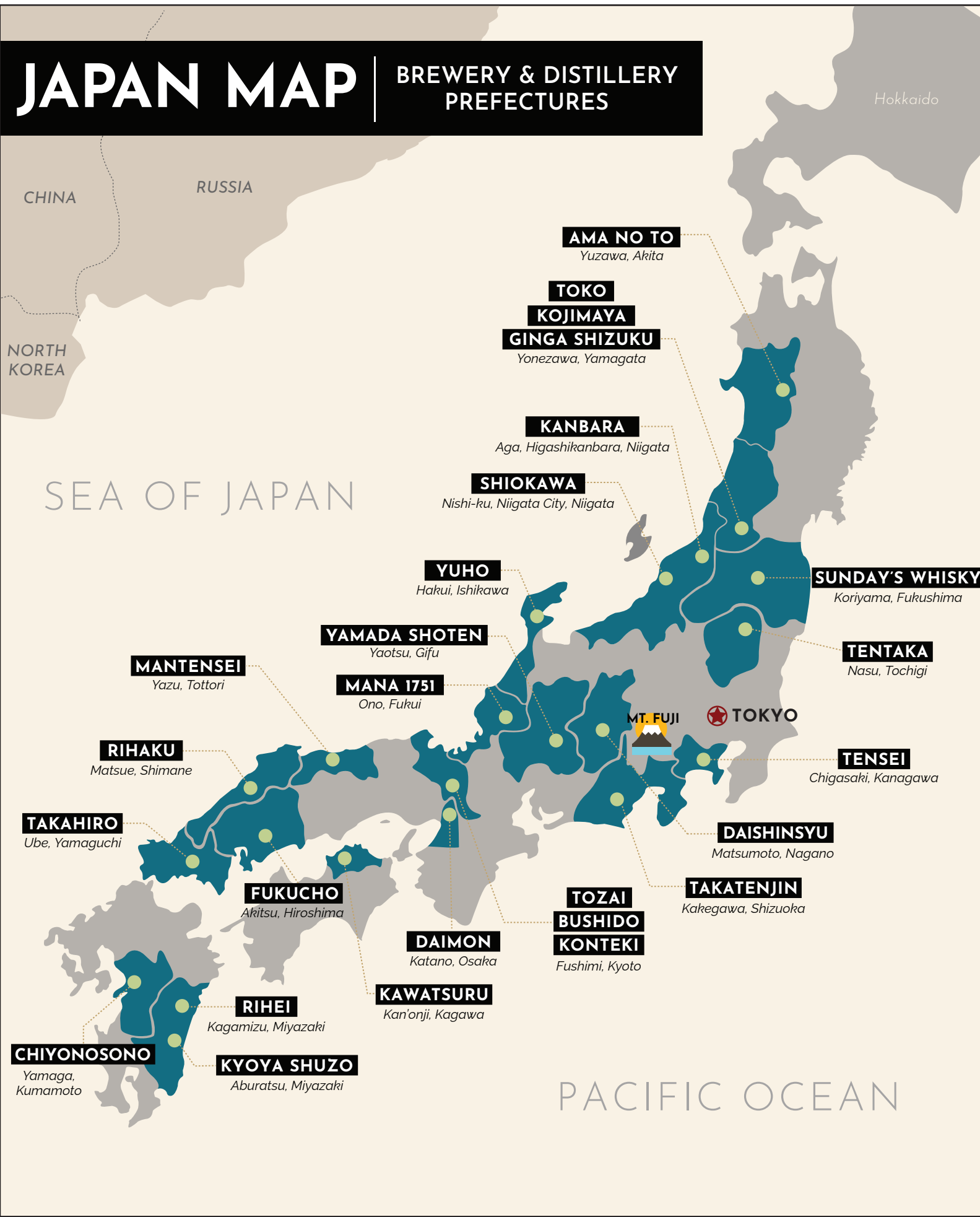
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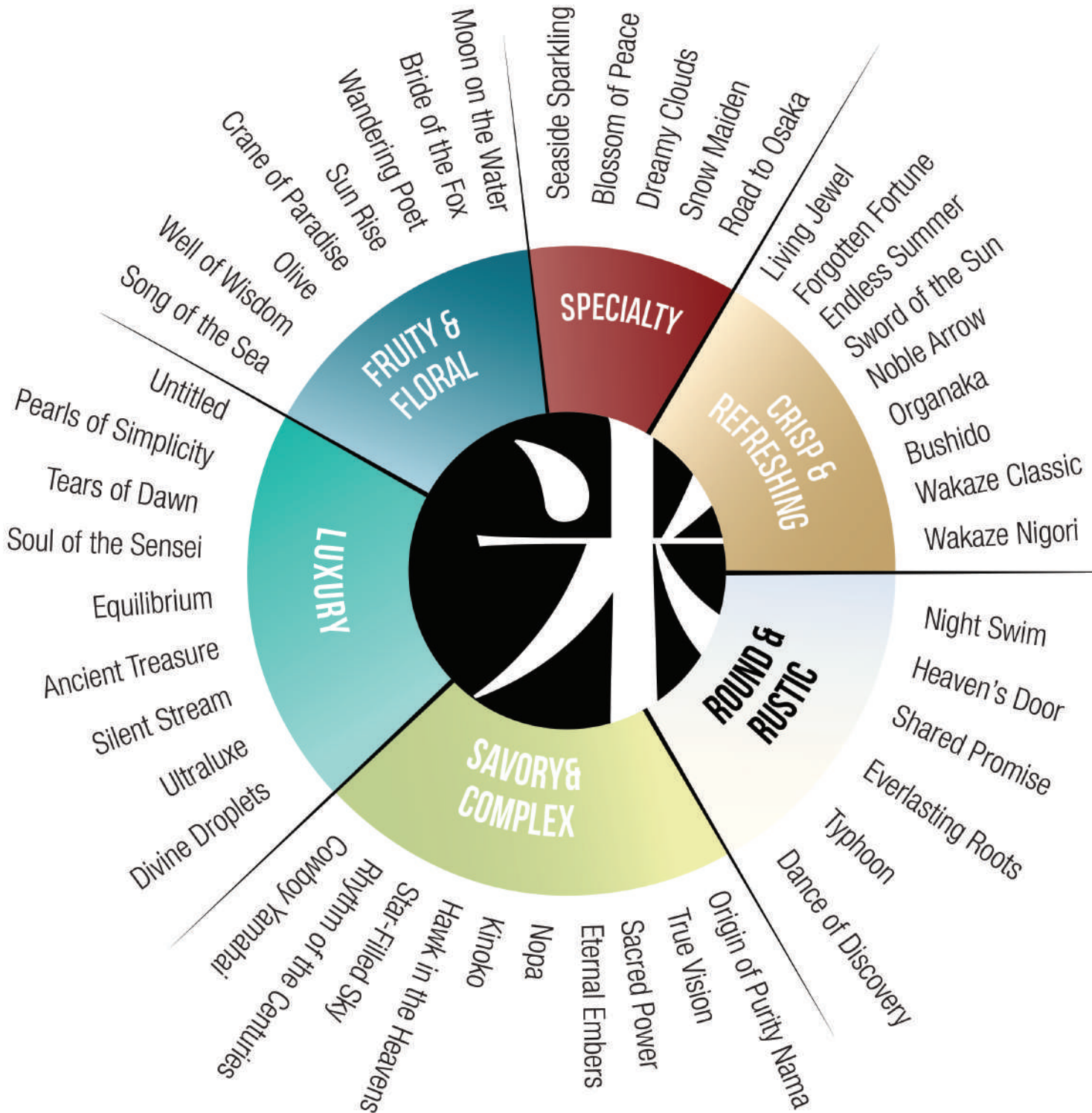
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# JAPAN MAP

## BREWERY & DISTILLERY PREFECTURES



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# SAKE'S BETTER-FOR-YOU BENEFITS

## SAKE + WELLNESS ARE A NATURAL PAIR

with consumer focus on wellness, craft sake is a go-to choice for a more healthful alcohol



### LOW SUGAR

Sake contains less sugar than most other alcohol.



### LOW IN TARTARIC ACID

The primary acid in wine that causes acid reflux & enamel erosion.



### FREE OF TANNINS & SULFITES

For those looking to avoid wine headaches.



### GLUTEN FREE

Premium sake is naturally gluten-free, perfect for those who are sensitive or celiac.



### UNIQUE FORMATS

Sake comes in many formats from single-serve cans to 300ml bottles to larger formats for easy portioning.



### STAYS FRESHER LONGER

Sake stays fresh up to 2-3 weeks in your fridge once opened.



### 80% WATER BASED

Arguably more hydrating than other alcoholic beverages.



### CONTAINS AMINO ACIDS

Sake contains 3 types of amino acids that can prevent osteoporosis & provide skin benefits.

# HOW TO BUILD A SAKE RETAIL SHELF

## LIGHT & REFRESHING



- FUKUCHO FORGOTTEN FORTUNE**  
Junmai
- TENSEI INFINITE SUMMER**  
Tokubetsu Honjozo
- TOZAI LIVING JEWEL**  
Junmai
- TAKA NOBLE ARROW**  
Tokubetsu Junmai
- TENTAKA ORGANAKA**  
Organic Junmai
- TAKATENJIN SWORD OF THE SUN**  
Tokubetsu Honjozo
- WAKAZE CLASSIC**  
Junmai

## FRUITY & FLORAL



- FUKUCHO MOON ON THE WATER**  
Junmai Ginjo
- KAWATSURU CRANE OF PARADISE**  
Junmai
- KAWATSURU OLIVE**  
Junmai Ginjo
- TENSEI SONG OF THE SEA**  
Junmai Ginjo
- TOKO SUN RISE**  
Junmai Ginjo
- RIHAKU WANDERING POET**  
Junmai Ginjo
- TOZAI WELL OF WISDOM**  
Ginjo

## SAVORY & COMPLEX



- KANBARA BRIDE OF THE FOX**  
Junmai Ginjo
- TENTAKA HAWK IN THE HEAVENS**  
Tokubetsu Junmai
- SHIOKAWA COWBOY YAMAHAI**  
Yamahai Junmai Ginjo Genshu
- SHIOKAWA NOPA**  
Junmai
- YUHO ETERNAL EMBERS**  
Junmai
- YUHO RHYTHM OF THE CENTURIES**  
Junmai
- MANA TRUE VISION**  
Yamahai Tokubetsu Junmai Muroka Genshu
- MANTENSEI STAR-FILLED SKY**  
Junmai Ginjo
- MANTENSEI KINOKO**  
Junmai Ginjo

## ROUND & RUSTIC



- RIHAKU DANCE OF DISCOVERY**  
Junmai
- YAMADA SHOTEN EVERLASTING ROOTS**  
Tokubetsu Junmai
- AMA NO TO HEAVEN'S DOOR**  
Tokubetsu Junmai
- CHIYONOSONO SHARED PROMISE**  
Junmai Ginjo
- TOZAI TYPHOON**  
Futsu

## SMOOTH & LUXURIOUS

perfect for holiday & gift giving



- KANBARA ANCIENT TREASURE**  
Yamahai Junmai Genshu Koshu
- GINGA SHIZUKU DIVINE DROPLETS**  
Daiginjo
- DAISHINSYU EQUILIBRIUM**  
Junmai Daiginjo
- KONTEKI PEARLS OF SIMPLICITY**  
Junmai Daiginjo
- KONTEKI TEARS OF DAWN**  
Daiginjo
- TAKATENJIN SOUL OF THE SENSEI**  
Junmai Daiginjo
- TENTAKA SILENT STREAM**  
Junmai Daiginjo
- TOKO ULTRALUXE**  
Junmai Daiginjo
- KOJIMAYA**  
Cedar Barrel Aged Sake

## NIGORI & SPECIALTY



- TOZAI SNOW MAIDEN**  
Junmai Nigori
- DAIMON ROAD TO OSAKA**  
Tokubetsu Junmai Nigori
- RIHAKU DREAMY CLOUDS**  
Tokubetsu Junmai Nigori
- FUKUCHO SEASIDE SPARKLING**  
Junmai
- TOZAI BLOSSOM OF PEACE**  
Plum Sake
- WAKAZE YUZU**  
Yuzu Sake
- WAKAZE NIGORI**  
Nigori

## GRAB & GO CANS



- TOZAI NIGHT SWIM**  
Futsu
- TOZAI SNOW MAIDEN**  
Junmai Nigori
- BUSHIDO WAY OF THE WARRIOR**  
Ginjo Genshu

# ON - PREMISE MADE EASY

with a wide variety of flavor profiles & styles, craft sake provides endless ways to expand an account's selection.

## MEAT LOVER'S SAKE



- Tentaka Hawk in the Heavens
- Shiohawa Cowboy Yamahai
- Kanbara Bride of the Fox

• Rich, savory & structured sake can stand up to a variety of meat dishes and pair beautifully.

• Korean BBQ, Japanese teppanyaki, steakhouses with Wagyu beef.

## SEAFOOD & OYSTER BARS



- Fukucho Moon on the Water
- Takatenjin Soul of the Sensei
- Tensei Infinite Summer

• Lighter bodied, aromatic sake are the perfect pair for seafood dishes.

• Pairing sake with oysters allows you to preserve the more nuanced texture and flavors of the oyster that a wine pairing may mask.

## FARM-TO-TABLE FRIENDLY



- Rihaku Wandering Poet
- Taka Noble Arrow
- Chiyonosono Shared Promise

• Sake plays nicely with vegetable focused dishes that can often be hard to pair with wine.

• Premium Japanese sake's healthful & clean profile make it ideal for sustainable and health focused accounts.

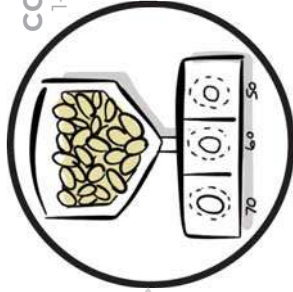
# STEPS OF SAKE PRODUCTION

## RICE HARVESTING



Sake rice is harvested in the fall

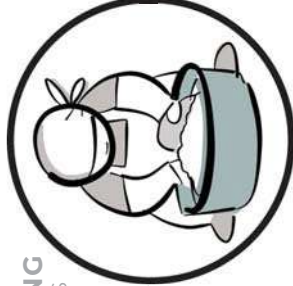
## RICE POLISHING



**COOLING**  
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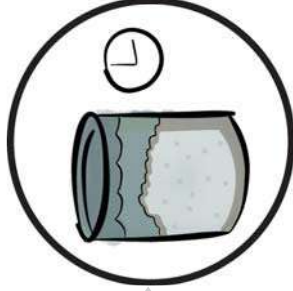
60% REMAIN AVG ~48 HRS  
Sake rice is polished in a vertical mill that slowly shaves off the outer layers of rice.

## WASHING



A fine white powder residue is left on the rice after polishing; this is washed off and the rice is soaked.

## SOAKING



During the soaking process the water absorption rate of the rice is determined so that even steaming can occur later.

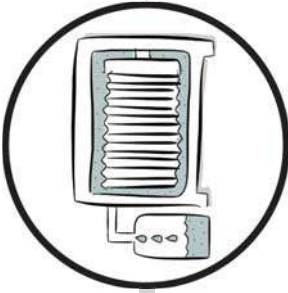
## STEAMING



steamed rice

Each batch of rice takes about an hour and is cooked by steam rising from under the rice steamer. The target temperature of the rice is 100 degrees Celsius.

## PRESSING



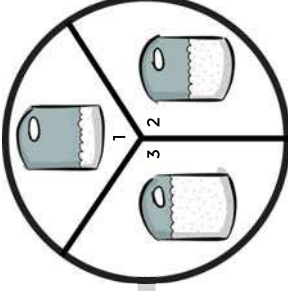
The removal of rice and yeast solids (sake kasu) from the liquid. The most common method is through an assaku-ki, which is an accordion shaped machine that squeezes the sake mash through a fine mesh.

## MAIN FERMENTATION MASH



**30-40 DAYS**  
The fermentation process takes 30-40 days for premium sake. During this period saccharification and fermentation happens simultaneously in what is referred to as multiple parallel fermentation.

## THREE STEP ADDITIONS



**4 DAYS**  
Over the course of 4 days, gradually increasing amounts of water, koji rice, and steamed sake rice are added to the tank.

## YEAST STARTER



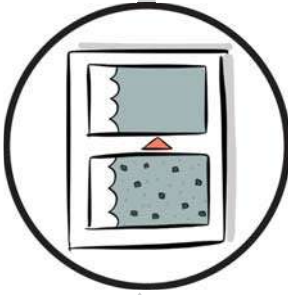
**2 WEEKS**  
In a small tank (around 1/10 the size of the entire fermentation), steamed sake rice and koji rice is combined with water and cultivate sake yeast

## KOJI PRODUCTION



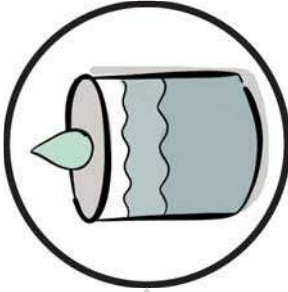
**2-3 DAYS**  
15-20% of the total rice in a batch of sake will be taken to a room called the Koji Muro, where the koji mold will be slowly grown on the steamed sake rice.

## FILTRATION\*



Charcoal filtering to remove any color, remaining sake kasu, or trace of organisms from the sake.

## DILUTION\*



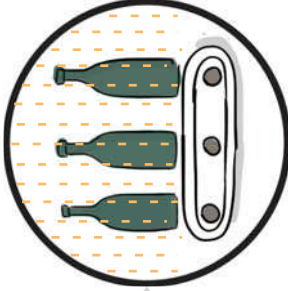
Water dilution of the sake to reduce the alcohol content.

## BOTTLING\*



Bottling is done before or after pasteurization. It is generally thought that bottling before keeps the sake as fresh & unexposed to the elements as possible.

## PASTEURIZATION\*



Pasteurization is done to prevent any yeast or enzyme activity in the bottle and extends the shelf life of the sake.

## MATURATION\*



**6 MONTHS - 1 YEAR**  
6 months to a year of temperature controlled maturation to fully develop the sake's characteristics.



# HOW TO SPEAK SAKE (*sah-kay*) 酒

原酒 **Genshu** (*Gen-shoe*): Undiluted sake that is often higher in alcohol and more concentrated in flavor and texture.

吟醸 **Ginjo** (*Geen-joe*): Premium sake. Indicates a special and painstaking brewing process that produces a sake that is layered and complex, light and fragrant. Must have a seimaibuai (milling rate) of at least 60%.

地酒 **Jizake** (*jee-zah-kay*): Local sake made by small brewers from a particular region, similar to the beer term "micro-brew."

乾杯 **Kanpai** (*kahn-pie*): Cheers!

生もと **Kimoto** (*key-mo-toh*): Traditional type of yeast starter with no lactic acid added. The yeast is activated by mashing the rice and koji into a paste with long poles. It takes around a month, resulting in savory, often gamey flavors.

石 **Koku** (*koe-koo*): Originally, a measurement of rice defined as enough to feed one person for a year. For sake, a measurement of 180 liters used for describing a brewery's production capacity.

麴 **Koji** (*koh-jee*): Mold that prompts the sake fermentation process.

古酒 **Koshu** (*koh-shoo*): Sake deliberately aged in either bottle or tank. It must be kept at low temperatures in order to retain a clear color and have a subtle roundedness and richness in texture.

蔵 **Kura** (*koo-rah*): Sake brewery

酒母 **Moto** (*mo-toh*): Yeast starter, also known as "shubo." An extremely high concentration of yeast cells is cultivated in a mixture of rice, koji, yeast, and water.

にごり **Nigori** (*nee-gore-ee*): This popular category of sake represents the famous "cloudy", "milky" or "foggy" sake that has rice particles left in the brew and are not totally filtered out. Many Americans refer to nigori sake as "unfiltered" sake, but this is a misnomer as all sake is filtered to a degree.

飲み会 **Nomikai** (*noh-mee-kai*): A get-together or event focused around drinking.

酒飲み **Sakenomi** (*sah-kay-noh-mee*): Someone who likes to drink.

精米歩合 **Seimaibuai** (*say-my-boo-eye*): The degree to which rice has been polished (milled) before brewing. A value of 60% means that the rice has been milled so only 60% of the rice kernel remains (40% of the kernel has been ground away).

心白 **Shinpaku** (*sheen-pah-koo*): The hard, white center of sake rice comprised of starch.

酒 **-Shu** (*shoo*): Another reading of the Japanese character meaning sake (which, in Japan, refers to any alcoholic beverage). This suffix is officially part of all sake types (e.g. junmai-shu, ginjo-shu) but is often dropped in abbreviation.

杜氏 **Toji** (*toe-gee*): Head brewer of a brewery.

特別 **Tokubetsu** (*toe-koo-bet-sue*): Special. Any sake labeled "tokubetsu" has been brewed in some special way. This may mean a high milling rate, a very low temperature fermentation, or a very special rice strain.

山麩 **Yamahai** (*yah-mah-hai*): Yeast starter with no lactic acid added; yet instead of mashing the rice and koji together (kimoto), the koji enzymes work to dissolve all rice so that sake yeast can activate. Similar flavor profile to Kimoto.

酔っ払い **Yopparai** (*yoh-pahr-eye*): To be drunk.

# AMA NO TO



The epitome of the “local” farm-to-table movement, Ama No To only uses rice, water and labor from its own prefecture.

## WHY DOES AMA NO TO STAND OUT?

- This is a true “Grower’s Sake” - the rice growers also make the sake, creating an intimate synergy with the raw materials. They only use rice from fields close enough to see from the brewery.
- Ama No To translates to “Heaven’s Door”, referring to the prefecture which is at the northernmost tip of Japan. The label image is an icon of good fortune from Amaterasu, the Shinto Sun Goddess who is believed to have brought light to the world and cultivated Japan’s first rice fields.

**BREWERY FOUNDED:** 1917  
**BREWERY LOCATION:** Akita  
**TOJI:** Tsuneki Kakizaki  
**PRESIDENT:** Tsuneki Kakizaki

**SIZE OF PRODUCTION:** 889 Koku

**WATER CHARACTERISTICS:** Soft water. The “Biwanumakansui” (Biwa Mire Cold Water) is a spring water made in the brewery that has soft and sweet taste.

## NOTEWORTHY DISTINCTIONS

While many brewery styles can be polarizing, there is no argument about Ama no being the gold standard of rice cultivation and brewing technique.



Certified Kosher



Estate Grown Rice



Runs on renewable energy  
(100% hydraulic power)



## HEAVEN’S DOOR

Tokubetsu Junmai | **Sizes:** 300ML, 720ML

This incredibly well-balanced and complex sake takes its time to express itself in the glass. Layers of dried flowers and baking spice give way to savory salinity that makes this sake the perfect pairing for pickled and fermented foods.

**Category:** Round & Rustic

*\*Heaven’s Door Namazake 720ml also available seasonally.*



# BUSHIDO



On-the-go, hassle free, premium Ginjo Genshu sake in a can. Bushido is the ancient Japanese warrior code of moral values, loyalty, honor and wisdom. Usually unuttered and unwritten, the code allows the violent existence of the samurai to be tempered by wisdom and serenity.

## WHY DOES BUSHIDO STAND OUT?

- Brewed in Kyoto, Japan, a prefecture known for being the birthplace of sake. The brewery specializes in sake that is approachable for sake pros and novices alike.
- The fox represents the messenger of Inari, the God of rice, from Japanese mythology.
- Bushido cans are the perfect fit for on-premise (*Asian-centric restaurants, fast casual, Asian fusion, trendy ramen, music venues, happy hours*) and off-premise accounts.

**BREWERY LOCATION:** Kyoto

**TOJI:** Yoshinori Wakai

**PRESIDENT:** Shinji Matsumoto

**WATER CHARACTERISTICS:**

Medium hard water

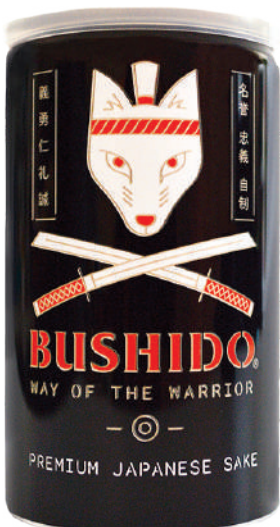
## NOTEWORTHY DISTINCTIONS

*BUSHIDO HAS BEEN FEATURED IN:*

**EATER** **FOOD & WINE**  
**BuzzFeed** **OUTSIDE LANDS**  
**POPSUGAR.** **SAKANA**



BUSHIDOSAKE



## BUSHIDO WAY OF THE WARRIOR

Ginjo Genshu | **Sizes:** 180ML CAN & 19.5 L KEG

This undiluted sake is 18% alc. and can stand up to a variety of foods or excellent added in a cocktail. Tropical notes of tart raspberry, Asian pear and watermelon rind with hints of white flowers and a spicy finish. Excellent with shrimp, BBQ or delicious & dangerously smooth on its own.

**Category:** Crisp & Refreshing



\*Tap handles available for keg placements

# WE MAKE IT EASY TO USE SAKE ON TAP

SAKE KEG



## BEST PRACTICES

**GAS** 75% Nitrogen / 25% CO2 (AKA Beverage Gas or “Guinness Gas”)

**GAS PRESSURE** Pressure gauge reading should be between 4 - 10 PSI

**STORAGE** Store untapped kegs with other wines. Sake stays fresh - tapped 3 months, untapped 12 months.

**LINE CLEANING FREQUENCY** Every 3 months, or at changes of product.

## EQUIPMENT & HARDWARE [ Only use wine-certified 304-grade Stainless Steel ] No 303-grade Steel or beer parts



### FAUCET

For the best tasting sake on tap, we recommend a 304-grade stainless steel flow control faucet.



### SHANK

Use 304-grade stainless steel for any parts that come in contact with the sake.



### BEVERAGE GRADE LINES

Use only wine-grade, non-oxidizing “flavorlock” tubing.



### COUPLER

Free Flow standard stainless steel kegs require a 304-grade coupler to attach the keg to the line.

## ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT



### TAP TOWER

An additional tap tower may be required when installing a new direct draw system.



### GAS & REGULATOR

Use Beverage CO2 gas only. In some instances, an inline gas regulator may be recommended.

For Additional Questions + Troubleshooting Contact Free Flow Wines  
885-KEG-WINE or visit [TRYWINEONTAP.com](http://TRYWINEONTAP.com)

# CHIYONOSONO



Known as the Junmai experts, Chiyonosono was the first brewery to stop adding distilled alcohol to its sake after the rice shortages of World War II, paving the way for the popular Junmai category.

## WHY DOES CHIYONOSONO STAND OUT?

- Originally a rice wholesaler, Chiyonosono specializes in rice cultivation and has access to heirloom strains leading to sake with distinctive rice textures and aromas.
- The brewery is located in the southernmost island of Kyushu - the gateway into Japan - known for Asian and European cuisine, historic architecture and distinct regional culture.
- Chiyonosono also crafts shochu, Japan's other native alcohol beverage made from distilling raw materials like rice, barley or potatoes.

**BREWERY FOUNDED:** 1896

**BREWERY LOCATION:** Kumamoto

**TOJI:** Yoshihiro Inaba

**PRESIDENT:** Masuhara Honda

**SIZE OF PRODUCTION:** 700 Koku

**WATER CHARACTERISTICS:**  
Medium soft underground water.

## NOTEWORTHY DISTINCTIONS



Heirloom Rice



Female-Led Brewery  
Yuri Honda, Future President



## SHARED PROMISE

Junmai | **Sizes:** 300ML, 720ML

A commitment from the brewery to make premium sake despite agricultural hardships like those of WWI. Soft, expansive texture with aromas of orange blossom.

**Category:** Round & Rustic



"Spicy, floral, and earthy, this sake is evocative of the highest quality saison beers. Elegant and citrusy when chilled, soft and toasty at room temperature."



## SACRED POWER

Junmai Ginjo | **Sizes:** 300ML, 720ML

A sake made with the heirloom rice Kumamoto Shinriki which was out of use for 50-100 years. The revitalized rice creates a bold sake loaded with briny ocean flavor and umami.

**Category:** Savory & Complex



"Impressive structure with an intensely persistent finish. The minerality in the water with the smoky, seaweed characteristics from the shinriki rice make this sake an unbeatable pairing for caviar."

# DAIMON



Daimon is one of the only breweries in Osaka prefecture and produces sake that truly captures the spirit of this vibrant region.

## WHY DOES DAIMON STAND OUT?

- Brewery president & toji, Yasutaka Daimon, is a 6th generation brewer who is also a jazz musician.
- Daimon brewery produces sake to match with not only the culture and foods of its prefecture, but also a wide range of flavors and cuisines from around the globe.

**BREWERY FOUNDED:** 1826

**BREWERY LOCATION:** Osaka

**TOJI:** Yasutaka Daimon & Ryosuke Uei

**PRESIDENT:** Yasutaka Daimon

**BREWERY CEO:** Marcus Consolini

**SIZE OF PRODUCTION:** 280 Koku

**WATER CHARACTERISTICS:**  
medium soft water

## NOTEWORTHY DISTINCTIONS

Daimon is a globally minded brewery and is world famous for their global sake internships along with creating the Sake Export Association to expand sake outside of Japan.



*Learn more about their internship program.*



### ROAD TO OSAKA

Tokubetsu Junmai Nigori

Sizes: 720ML

A creamy & mild nigori with notes of banana, citrus and floral. This nigori will transport you to Osaka and the Daimon brewery where they have been crafting fresh, lively sake for six generations.

**Category:** Specialty



### THE TOJI SERIES

LIMITED PRODUCTION FOR PRE-ORDER ONLY.

Junmai Daiginjo

Sizes: 720ML

This sake celebrates the skills and techniques of two generations of Tojis, and is a homage to the long history of sake-making at the Daimon Brewery.

**Category:** Luxury

# FUKUCHO



Miho Imada is often referred to as the most celebrated brewer in Japan - she's had multiple documentaries made about her contributions to brewing and in 2020 was named by BBC as one of the 100 most influential women in the world. Intensely passionate and hardworking, her pursuit of perfection is evident in every expression of Fukucho.

## WHY DOES FUKUCHO STAND OUT?

- Hiroshima is the birthplace of Ginjo sake and is known for remarkably soft water that requires expert skills to use in sake production. Once mastered, the soft water enables a highly controlled, precise fermentation resulting in vibrant fruit aromas.
- Miho-san's passion and curiosity for sake brewing is truly amazing; to date she has revived a local heirloom rice that was out of use for hundreds of years, created her own "new style" hybrid kimoto, challenged a century-old approach to polishing sake rice, and has integrated white koji into her sake production.
- There are around 30 female toji in Japan, but when Miho-san started brewing there were far fewer. Her extreme dedication to her craft encourages the future of women in the industry.

**BREWERY FOUNDED:** 1868

**BREWERY LOCATION:** Hiroshima

**TOJI:** Miho Imada

**PRESIDENT:** Miho Imada

**SIZE OF PRODUCTION:** 700 Koku

**WATER CHARACTERISTICS:** soft water

## NOTEWORTHY DISTINCTIONS



Female-Led Brewery  
Miho Imada, Toji & President

*"My advice is to not be intimidated when entering a playing field where there are no women around. If you work hard enough you will inspire other women to follow in your footsteps, which is very much what is happening in the sake world today, decades later!" - Miho Imada*



Heirloom Rice



featured in  
bon appétit

Miho Imada Is Quietly Brewing Some of the Best Sake in the World

# FUKUCHO



## FORGOTTEN FORTUNE

Junmai | **Sizes:** 300ML, 720ML

Miho-san revived Hattanso rice, an extinct heirloom breed, by devoting over 10 years of her life to learning how to grow it and brew with it. Miho-san mills the rice for this sake less than most Junmais because she believes it results in the best expression of rice flavor, balance, and complexity.

**Category:** Crisp & Refreshing

*The Akitsu seaside where Fukucho is brewed has more oyster beds than anywhere else in Japan, and this sake was made as a response to requests from locals to brew the perfect oyster pairing.*



## MOON ON THE WATER

Junmai | **Sizes:** 300ML, 720ML

This vibrant showstopper aromatically jumps out of the glass and will make you fall in love with sake. It is a natural match for sweet, succulent shellfish like lobster and scallops, but is also a surprising pairing with bittersweet chocolate.

**Category:** Fruity & Floral

*\*Moon on the Water Namazake 720ml also available seasonally.*



## SEASIDE SPARKLING

Junmai | **Sizes:** 500ML

Sparkling sake made through secondary fermentation in the bottle. Crisp notes of lemon-lime and apple with a soft, frothy finish. Natural pairing with squid, sea urchin, and other gifts of the bordering Seto Inland sea.

**Category:** Specialty





# KANBARA



Kanbara brews powerful, big, bold sake from one of Japan's most popular brewing region, Niigata, which is otherwise known for producing light, clean sake.

## WHY DOES KANBARA STAND OUT?

- Kanbara's bold style comes from brewing sake that is muroka (not charcoal filtered), with generous levels of koji propagation for added umami.
- The husband & wife co-owners come from families with sake backgrounds and toji Kenichiro-san has made sake for over 50 years, giving Kanbara a long history of talented experience.
- Bride of the Fox is named after the region's "Fox Bride" festival that celebrates agriculture and rice growing. The annual celebration features fox costumes and a bridal procession.

**BREWERY FOUNDED:** 1880

**BREWERY LOCATION:** Niigata

**TOJI:** Kenichiro Yamaga

**PRESIDENT:** Dr. Shunichi Sato

**SIZE OF PRODUCTION:** 400 Koku

**WATER CHARACTERISTICS:** Soft water

## NOTEWORTHY DISTINCTIONS



Dr. Sato is a highly regarded professor of sake brewing and has mentored many of the country's leading brewers. The science behind the brewing formula of Ancient Treasure has prompted producers around the country to seek guidance in making advances in aging of sake.



Female-Led Brewery  
Yoshiko Sato  
Co-Owner & Director of International Business



## BRIDE OF THE FOX

Junmai | **Sizes:** 300ML, 720ML, 1.8L

With a 50% polishing rate, this sake could technically qualify as a junmai daiginjo, but the remarkable savory notes give it a much broader food pairing versatility that identifies more with the style expected from a junmai ginjo. It is made with classic ginjo style yeast, resulting in unique, earthy persimmon notes and maritime umami.

**Category:** Savory & Complex



*One of the best meat pairing sakes in the portfolio.*



## ANCIENT TREASURE

Yamahai Junmai Genshu Koshu

**Sizes:** 720ML

The intense complexity of this sake is achieved through an abundance of koji, yamahai, no dilution, and over ten years of careful aging. The umami is extremely pronounced on the nose with tasting notes of olive oil, sea salt and toasted sesame.

**Category:** Luxury



# KAWATSURU



Known for its rice-driven style with elegant, rich texture, Kawatsuru pays respect to the crane that symbolizes longevity and good fortune.

## WHY DOES KAWATSURU STAND OUT?

- Located on the beautiful island of Shikoku, the brewery name translates to "river crane", named after lucky local sightings of the culturally symbolic bird.
- 6<sup>th</sup> generation president, Yuichiro Kawahito also functions as the toji of Kawatsuru, working tirelessly on both the production of his sakes and managing the farming of the rice.
- Using almost all locally grown rice, Kawatsuru brews sakes that are soulful, round and structured without being high-tone or showy.
- Kagawa is the smallest prefecture out of all 47 in Japan and the only place where the mysterious Sanuki Olive is grown. The olive tree is designated as the prefectural tree of Kagawa Prefecture and has historically been a symbol of Kagawa Prefecture. When a wild yeast from the olive fruit was isolated, it prompted them to explore the possibilities of brewing sake. Only the breweries in Kagawa Prefecture can use olive yeast.

**BREWERY FOUNDED:** 1891

**BREWERY LOCATION:** Kagawa

**PRESIDENT & TOJI:** Yuichiro Kawahito

**SIZE OF PRODUCTION:** 800 Koku

**WATER CHARACTERISTICS:**  
Medium hard water

## NOTEWORTHY DISTINCTIONS



Estate Grown Rice



*"Born on Jan 25, 1969 Blood type B. After graduating from the Department of Fermentation Science at the Tokyo University of Agriculture, I worked at Asahi Beer before returning to Kawatsuru Shuzo. Then, I became the president of Kawatsuru Shuzo in 2004. I love reading books, eating, sleeping, drinking, motorcycle, working out, and movies. I am getting ready to ride Harley Davidson after 30 years of break."*

- Yuichiro Kawahito



## CRANE OF PARADISE

Junmai | Sizes: 720ML

Textured and mineral-driven with defined notes of grapefruit and a grassy, bright and lifted finish. Exuberant aromas and a delicate earthiness resulting in a rich, deeply satisfying style. Described as "umakuchi", a combination between sweet, dry and umami flavors.

**Category:** Fruity & Floral



*A sake for mezcal lovers, with notes of smoked pineapple, pine, and a satisfying backbone of umami.*



## OLIVE

Junmai Ginjo | Sizes: 720ML

Made with yeast extracted from Sanuki olives that are native to the region. Juicy notes of musk melon, white flowers and green pear with hints of starfruit, grass and salinity. This hyperlocal sake showcases the best of Kagawa in a one-of-a-kind bottling.

**Category:** Fruity & Floral



*The mediterranean briny notes on the palate of this sake beg to be put in a martini! We like ours 50/50 split with Chiyonosono 8000 Generations Rice Shochu, garnished with a buttery, fruity Castelvetro olive.*

# KOJIMA SOHONTEN

GINGA SHIZUKU • KOJIMAYA • TOKO



One of the oldest active breweries in Japan, Kojima Sohonten is an exclusive purveyor of sake to the famous Uesugi samurai clan in Yamagata prefecture.

## WHY DOES KOJIMA SOHONTEN STAND OUT?

- Located in Yonezawa in Southern Yamagata, an area known as the "land of samurais". The brewery is owned by the Kojima family, who are closely associated with the Uesugi and are thought of as samurai royalty.
- Yamagata was recently awarded a Geographical Indication (GI), one of only three that exist in Japan.
- The brewery was founded in 1597 and has been passed down to each generation since the start of the company - now on it's 24th generation.

**BREWERY FOUNDED:** 1597

**BREWERY LOCATION:** Yamagata

**TOJI:** Katsuyoshi Ito

**PRESIDENT:** Kenichiro Kojima

**SIZE OF PRODUCTION:** 2,300 Koku

**WATER CHARACTERISTICS:**  
medium soft water

## NOTEWORTHY DISTINCTIONS



Effective January 2024, Kojima Sohonten will be the second brewery in Japan to achieve complete carbon neutral status.



Electricity used for production is 100% recycled renewable energy that utilizes sake lees for power generation

## GINGA SHIZUKU



### DIVINE DROPLETS

Junmai Daiginjo | Sizes: 720ML

A shizuku junmai daiginjo that celebrates nature's local gift of Dewasansan rice & water. A refreshing & pure sake with notes of pineapple, white peach, green apple, lily and hints of white pepper.

**Category:** Luxury

*"Ginga Shizuku translates into 'drops of the Milky Way' - this heady sake will indeed transport you with its concentrated perfume and plush, tongue tingling spice on the finish"*



# KOJIMA SOHONTEN

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## KOJIMAYA



### UNTITLED

Barrel Aged | Sizes: 720ML

Truly the first of its kind, this product challenges preconceived notions of what defines quality when it comes to sake. Kojima Sohonten utilizes their 24 generations of sake making to reintroduce an ancient way of production, sashikomi. This "four-step" brewing method (along with the addition of kijoshu and finishing in cedar), results in a sake that has remarkable intensity and concentration for being only 13% alcohol.

**Category:** Luxury

*"Untitled displays the most elegant, nuanced oak treatment we've seen in sake to date. You'll think we're crazy for saying this sake has a mouthfeel more akin to white burgundy until you see for yourself."*



## TOKO



### SUN RISE

Junmai Ginjo | Sizes: 720ML

Made from Dewasansan rice grown exclusively in Yamagata prefecture. Grassy, floral aromas with green apple and melon.

**Category:** Fruity & Floral

*"Toko Sun Rise is the perfect sake for a tequila drinker - spicy notes of pepper and cucumber on the nose with notes of lime and olive on the finish."*



### ULTRALUXE

Junmai Daiginjo | Sizes: 720ML

Flawless yet incredibly persistent. The purity of the region shines in this sake with the crispness of their pristine water, the incomparable quality of Toku-A (grand cru) Yamada Nishiki rice and the opulent textures derived from shizuku free run finishing.

**Category:** Luxury



# KONTEKI



Konteki's culture centers around 15th century ideals of Zen Buddhism and "wabi-sabi," the belief that beauty within the arts should be understated and pure - just like sake.

## WHY DOES KONTEKI STAND OUT?

- Kyoto is the birthplace of sake and is home to the local Fushimi Mizu, one of Japan's most prized water sources of soft, pure water.
- Well-respected rice farmer Masayasu Tanaka grows Konteki's Yamada Nishiki, known as the King of sake rice, completely organically.
- Konteki presents a unique opportunity to demonstrate the differences in the tasting profiles of a Junmai Daiginjo and a Daiginjo. The two sake are made in the same way (same rice, yeast, milling rate, length of fermentation), but Tears of Dawn has a small amount of distilled alcohol added after fermentation to open up aromatics and lighted up the overall impact.

**BREWERY FOUNDED:** 1945

**BREWERY LOCATION:** Kyoto

**TOJI:** Seiji Yaoi

**PRESIDENT:** Shinji Matsumoto

**SIZE OF PRODUCTION:** 3,400 Koku

**WATER CHARACTERISTICS:**  
Medium hard water

## NOTEWORTHY DISTINCTIONS



Organically Grown Rice

*"In a high end category full of triple digit prices, Konteki offers a classic representation of Daiginjo in 2 distinct expressions that are accessible enough for everyday - no more waiting for a special occasion to break open the good stuff!"*



## PEARLS OF SIMPLICITY

Junmai Daiginjo  
Sizes: 300ML, 720ML

More subtle and nuanced than most highly aromatic Junmai Daiginjos. Aromas of white flower and Asian pear with rich minerality and rice texture.

**Category:** Luxury



## TEARS OF DAWN

Daiginjo  
Sizes: 300ML, 720ML

Lush notes of tropical banana, anise seed, and truffle. These same flavors come rushing through the full-bodied palate followed by a velvety and dangerously smooth finish.

**Category:** Luxury



# MANA 1751



This sake embraces a truly purist philosophy; undiluted, unfiltered, unblended, pure rice sake made in the risky and labor intensive yamahai method.

## WHY DOES MANA 1751 STAND OUT?

- Toji Izumi-san is on a quest to push the envelope of sake's flavor, structure and appeal as we know it today. He has been quoted as saying "It is more important to be the only one than to be number one."
- This is a true microbrewery - small batch, single tank, with three total employees making only 180 koku annually.

**BREWERY FOUNDED:** 1751

**BREWERY LOCATION:** Fukui

**TOJI:** Keisuke Izumi

**PRESIDENT:** Keisuke Izumi

**SIZE OF PRODUCTION:** 180 Koku

**WATER CHARACTERISTICS:** Soft water

## NOTEWORTHY DISTINCTIONS

*"It was 1998 that Izumi took over as master brewer. In 1999, he won every gold medal in sight. Top medal for Fukui prefecture. Top medal in the competition ran by the Kanazawa Tax Association. Top medal in the National New Sake Awards. Since then, he's won 19 gold medals in the above competitions, making him one of the most decorated toji ever in sake history. His incredible success led many other brewers to question if these "finishing touches" were really necessary and if skipping them could lead to better sake; one could even say that he was a pioneer of the low intervention sake movement!"*



A delicious brand of pork called Arashima Pork is raised with our sake lees. We provide sake lees to local pig farmers and feeding it to them.



Ono City, where Manatsuru is located, is in a basin surrounded by mountains and is rich in groundwater from melting snow and rain. The water is soft and tastes very good as drinking water, and Ono City is called the town of famous water.



## TRUE VISION

Yamahai Tokubetsu Junmai Muroka Genshu | Sizes: 720ML

This sake is a true expression of Fukui, using local yeast, bottled from a single tank, and highlights the pristine, nationally famous water source. An aromatic and expressive yamahai with notes of tart yogurt, mushroom, honey, black pepper and steamed rice.

**Category:** Savory & Complex



# MANTENSEI



Mantensei creates elegant expressions of umami through sake that can be enjoyed at a wide variety of temperatures.

## WHY DOES MANTENSEI STAND OUT?

- President Touda-san is dogmatic and uncompromising in his belief that sake should be umami-rich and ready to age. His very specific style of oxidative, savory and honeyed styles has been recognized at countless warmed sake competitions.
- Mantensei uses a daringly high ratio of koji rice to bring out distinctive notes of smoke, honey, and soy.

**BREWERY FOUNDED:** 1896

**BREWERY LOCATION:** Tottori

**TOJI:** Hakuma Kyoji

**PRESIDENT:** Masahiko Touda

**SIZE OF PRODUCTION:** 100 Koku

**WATER CHARACTERISTICS:** Soft water

## NOTEWORTHY DISTINCTIONS

*"Named for the shrine located behind the brewery, Suwa Brewing Company lives in harmony with one of the most beautiful villages, which is home to flying squirrels! They believe that properly matured junmai sake served hot with good food brings happiness. Their ideology revolves around two sayings from brewmaster Kiso Narukawa: "In sake brewing, the sky is limitless," and, "We are first-year students every year." These ideas represent the fact that there is always more to learn and that brewing can always be refined, modified and expanded without bounds."*

## STAR-FILLED SKY

Junmai Ginjo

Sizes: 300ML, 720ML

Aged in a tank for 3 years, this umami-rich sake finishes dry and clean from precise fermentation and water minerality. This unusual juxtaposition makes it stand out as a savory sake that can carry you through an entire meal and will not weigh you down.

**Category:** Savory & Complex



## KINOKO

Junmai Ginjo | Sizes: 720ML

Kinoko translates to "mushroom" and represents Kuramoto Touda-san's love for mushrooms and being a self proclaimed fungi investigator. This food-friendly sake is crafted to compliment mushroom & umami driven dishes and is brewed using 100% local rice.

**Category:** Savory & Complex

*"Mantensei Kinoko: perhaps the perfect autumnal sake. Kuramoto (brewery owner) Touda-san is, like myself and so many others in Portland, a mushroom hunter and enthusiast. This is his homage to mushrooms: the seasons we hunt for them, the dishes we make with them, their beautiful flavors and aromas, and finally the fungus which is itself the beating heart of sake: koji- aspergillus oryzae" - Nina Murphy, Sunflower Sake*



# RIHAKU



Rihaku is named after the famous Chinese poet from the 8th century, Li Po, who was known to drink a big bottle of sake and write a hundred poems.

## WHY DOES RIHAKU STAND OUT?

- Rihaku boasts one of the highest average milling rates of all Japanese sake breweries - a testament to its dedication to high quality.
- Each Rihaku sake in the portfolio is made with a different type of sake rice, demonstrating how the deliberate style of a producer can be expressed through four rice types.
- The ancient Prime Minister of Shimane Prefecture named this brewery because of the way that these sake inspired poetry. The calligraphy on the label is his original handwriting.

**BREWERY FOUNDED:** 1882

**BREWERY LOCATION:** Shimane

**TOJI:** Yuichiro Tanaka

**PRESIDENT:** Yuichiro Tanaka

**SIZE OF PRODUCTION:** 1300 Koku

**WATER CHARACTERISTICS:** Medium hard water

## NOTEWORTHY DISTINCTIONS



Uses ozone water instead of chemicals to sterilize utensils



Almost all sake lees are reused in-house



*"Wandering Poet is a sake that makes you want to eat your vegetables! This sake shines when paired with foods that traditionally challenge wine, like cilantro, asparagus, artichoke, kale, and broccoli rabe"*



*"Dreamy Clouds was the first dry, elegant style of nigori sake to be exported from Japan, redefining a category that was previously known as thick, heavy, and chewy. The pioneer of a new style of refreshing and versatile nigori"*



# RIHAKU



## DANCE OF DISCOVERY

Junmai | Sizes: 300ML, 720ML

Brewed with a newly developed rice called Kan no Mai that withstands cold climates, full of personality and takes a fair amount of expertise to work with. The specific milling rate of 68% employed in this sake results in a smoky, saline rice flavor that is perfect with yakitori.

**Category:** Round & Rustic



## WANDERING POET

Junmai Ginjo | Sizes: 300ML, 720ML, 1.8L

This junmai ginjo is made with yamada nishiki rice and has the ability to compliment even the most wine-unfriendly vegetables like asparagus, artichoke hearts and broccoli rabe.

**Category:** Fruity & Floral



## DREAMY CLOUDS

Tokubetsu Junmai Nigori | Sizes: 300ML, 720ML, 1.8L

Rihaku was the first brewery to make a dry, light cloudy style of nigori sake. Dreamy Clouds, brewed with Gohyakumangoku rice, presents an opportunity to move nigori drinkers forward to new styles of sake.

**Category:** Specialty



## ORIGIN OF PURITY *Namazake*

Junmai Ginjo Genshu | Sizes: 720ML

A robust, powerful expression of namazake. The complexity of flower yeast, omachi rice, and genshu result in layers of blackberry, lime, raisin bran and nougat. Pair with miso marinated steak, roasted garlic or agrodolce.

**Category:** Specialty

*\*Available seasonally.*



# SHIOKAWA



**Traditional but not bound by tradition. Shiokawa-san's curiosity and scientific approach to brewing results in constant experimentation to make better sake year after year.**

## WHY DOES SHIOKAWA STAND OUT?

- This is a true family business with only three employees including his wife, his cousin and himself.
- Although Shiokawa-san first attempted making yamahai as an experiment, the demand for his yamahais have increased to the point where yamahai is now the majority of his total sake production.
- In Japan cowboy culture is associated with prosperity, independence, and ruggedness and is romanticized in Japanese culture as a life that people strive for.

**BREWERY FOUNDED:** 1912

**BREWERY LOCATION:** Niigata

**TOJI:** Kazuhiro Shiokawa

**PRESIDENT:** Kazuhiro Shiokawa

**SIZE OF PRODUCTION:** 150 Koku

**WATER CHARACTERISTICS:**  
Medium hard water

## NOTEWORTHY DISTINCTIONS

*"Shunning the local style, these are renegade sake that stand apart from the often 'too clean' styles that Niigata is associated with. Loaded with earthy deliciousness and balanced by a tight acidity - can your palate hang with this burly, undiluted brew?"*



### COWBOY YAMAHAI

Yamahai Junmai Ginjo Genshu

Sizes: 720ML

This undiluted brew is fit for a cowboy - made in the ancient Yamahai style, loaded with umami and pairs beautifully with meat. Aromas of cocoa and smoke with a rich and smooth finish.

**Category:** Savory & Complex



### NOPA

Junmai | Sizes: 720ML

Inspired by Shiokawa-san's experience making sake all over the world, from Northern California to Indonesia. This sake represents his desire to be closer to nature and have a true expression of terroir. Smoky and tropical with a rich, mouth-coating texture.

**Category:** Savory & Complex



# TAKAHIRO



Takahiro's estate rice growing philosophy cultivates regionally focused sake full of tension and precision.

## WHY DOES TAKAHIRO STAND OUT?

- President / Toji Takahiro Nagayama is passionate about his estate grower-producer style sake, allowing him to brew sake that represents his personality and to reach all the people who drink it.
- "Taka" is the first character of Takahiro-san's name and means "noble". His unwavering discipline and commitment to technical precision results in an elegant but restrained sake.
- After an extended immersion in Burgundian wine, Takahiro-san transformed an average mid-sized brewery to one that focuses on small production, premium quality and junmai-only brewing. His "think global, act local" ideology and energetic brewing style have gained a cult following in Japan.

**BREWERY FOUNDED:** 1888

**BREWERY LOCATION:** Yamaguchi

**TOJI:** Takahiro Nagayama

**PRESIDENT:** Takahiro Nagayama

**SIZE OF PRODUCTION:** 900 Koku

**WATER CHARACTERISTICS:**  
Medium hard water

## NOTEWORTHY DISTINCTIONS



Estate Grown Rice

*"A globetrotter with a deep appreciation for wine, Nagayama spent years seeking out small natural-wine producers in France, particularly Burgundy. He felt a kinship with winemakers like Philippe Pacalet, who's dedicated to the pursuit of distinctive terroir and low-intervention winemaking"*  
- Wine Enthusiast Magazine

*"At Taka, we're rediscovering our traditions. We're peeling back the layers to reveal their true essence of things, and then refining them."*  
- Takahiro Nagayama



## NOBLE ARROW

Tokubetsu Junmai | **Sizes:** 720ML

Well-defined but restrained aromas with flavors of melon rind, lime leaf and mint. This sake is mineral-driven with structured acidity and roundness - a timeless style that is not over the top like many other cult sakes.

**Category:** Crisp & Refreshing

*\*Noble Arrow Namazake 720ml also available seasonally.*



# TAKATENJIN



In a region of endless sunshine and pristine water sources, Takatenjin stands out as an iconic producer of the fruity, dry style of sake that the region is known for.

## WHY DOES TAKATENJIN STAND OUT?

- Takatenjin is brewed at Doi Shuzo, which is recognized for its environmentally-friendly use of solar power, on-site water treatment and other renewable energy sources.
- Pure water put Shizuoka on the map for its tea production and its concentration of wasabi fields - two delicate products that require flawless water like sake does.
- The most common yeast from Shizuoka, HD-1, originated at this brewery and is named after the brewery's legendary Toji, Hase-san, and the Doi family that owns it.

**BREWERY FOUNDED:** 1868

**BREWERY LOCATION:** Shizuoka

**TOJI:** Minori Shimba

**PRESIDENT:** Yaichi Doi

**SIZE OF PRODUCTION:** 2000 Koku

**WATER CHARACTERISTICS:** Soft water

## NOTEWORTHY DISTINCTIONS

*"Lean and green, this brewery is known for pure, pristine ginjo aromas and a bright, racy finish."*



Solar Powered Brewery



## SWORD OF THE SUN

Tokubetsu Honjozo

**Sizes:** 300ML, 720ML

Bright and refreshing, this sake is the perfect choice for daytime drinking and is the brewery employees' drink of choice. The juniper botanicals and cucumber notes make it the perfect gin lover's sake.

**Category:** Crisp & Refreshing



## SOUL OF THE SENSEI

Junmai Daiginjo

**Sizes:** 300ML, 720ML

This sake commemorates the life of the previous Toji who was a Brew Master Sensei and one of the "Four Guardians of Heaven" from the prestigious Noto Toji Guild. A rare combination of concentrated fruit aromatics and dry mouthfeel in a Junmai Daiginjo.

**Category:** Luxury



# TENSEI



**Tensei is a multitalented brewery defined by an entrepreneurial spirit, an international outlook and a laid-back surfer atmosphere.**

## WHY DOES TENSEI STAND OUT?

- This cultured and forward-thinking brewery has a hand in other enterprises as well, including a beer brewery, a Japanese restaurant, an Italian restaurant, a bakery and an art gallery on site.
- Tensei is inspired by Kanagawa's beautiful coastline and surfer culture. The town is also the birth place of the famous Japanese woodblock art, The Great Wave.

**BREWERY FOUNDED:** 1872

**BREWERY LOCATION:** Kanagawa

**TOJI:** Tetsuro Igarashi

**PRESIDENT:** Mokichi Kumazawa

**SIZE OF PRODUCTION:** 800 Koku

**WATER CHARACTERISTICS:**  
Medium hard water



Tetsuro Igarashi is a true Renaissance Man: through his achievements as master sake brewer, master beer brewer, distiller, and rice grower, he has constantly challenged himself to raise the bar when it comes to every product made at Kumazawa Shuzo. While many believe that soft water is optimal for ginjo sakes, Tensei has pioneered a style of coastal, crisp, mineral driven sakes with mouthwatering salinity coming from their medium hard water.

*"We grow sake rice in the area around the brewery, and we expect that about 40% of the production volume will be locally grown in 2023, combining neighboring producers and our own fields. We grow Gohyakumangoku, Yamada Nishiki, and Omachi. In 2023, we started pesticide-free rice farming."*



## INFINITE SUMMER

Tokubetsu Honjozo

**Sizes:** 720ML

Enjoy the feeling of a perfect endless summer with this bright, refreshing taste of Kanagawa's surfer culture. Bright & fresh with a salted melon finish.

**Category:** Crisp & Refreshing



## SONG OF THE SEA

Junmai Ginjo

**Sizes:** 720ML

A rare opportunity to try sake made with Yeast #9 sourced from the brewery itself, rather than from the National Research Institute of Brewing. The result is a saltwater taffy salinity that evokes memories of the beach.

**Category:** Fruity & Floral



# TENTAKA



Located in a region known for its pure rivers and natural beauty, Tentaka has created a sustainable microcosm to preserve and support future generations of sake.

## WHY DOES TENTAKA STAND OUT?

- Brewed in a landlocked region, Tentaka sake is locally treasured with only a small amount of sake leaving the prefecture. It celebrates the local flavors of rustic, savory and meaty foods by brewing rich sake with high acidity.
- Tentaka translates to "hawk in the heavens" a prosperous Japanese symbol that is thought to bring good fortune to the brewery.

**BREWERY FOUNDED:** 1914

**BREWERY LOCATION:** Tochigi

**TOJI:** Kouetsu Sugumachi

**PRESIDENT:** Munenori Ozaki

**SIZE OF PRODUCTION:** 1300 Koku

**WATER CHARACTERISTICS:**  
Medium hard water

## NOTEWORTHY DISTINCTIONS



President Ozaki-san's passion for the environment has led the brewery to use local ingredients, to re-use production byproducts, and to receive Organic Certification in Japan, the US, and the European Union - one of only two breweries to obtain triple certification.



## HAWK IN THE HEAVENS

Tokubetsu Junmai

**Sizes:** 300ML, 720ML, 1.8L

A go-to sake for barbecue, this rustic high acid sake is a great representation of a traditional Junmai style that you would find in Izakayas throughout Japan. The Nasu area of Tochigi, home of Tentaka, is also the second largest dairy producer in Japan after Hokkaido - try this sake with anything from gorgonzola to hard aged gouda to quickly realize the connection!

**Category:** Savory & Complex



## ORGANAKA

Organic Junmai | **Sizes:** 720ML

To achieve organic certification through three independent organizations that require both the certification of the rice and the brewery itself is a massive undertaking and speaks to the Ozaki family's commitment to a better future. The fertile highlands of Nasu lend themselves to world-class farming, and this sake is a love letter to the exceptional flavor of this organic Gohyakumangoku rice. A memorable pairing with spring vegetables such as peas, fava beans, and radishes.

**Category:** Crisp & Refreshing



## SILENT STREAM

Junmai Daiginjo | **Sizes:** 720ML

Out of the 24 grades of Yamada Nishiki rice, this sake is made from the very highest grade "A" Yamadanishiki grown in a specially designated plot of land in Hyogo prefecture, polished down to an exceedingly labor-intensive and costly 35%. The ultimate luxury, but with acid structure and restraint that is rarely found in such opulent, heady styles of sake.

**Category:** Luxury

# TOZAI



Tozai is the authentically Japanese sake that bridges the gap between East and West and invites all to enjoy Japanese sake.

## WHY DOES TOZAI STAND OUT?

- Tozai's style is approachable for sake pros and novices alike, taking sake out of the "special occasion" category and making it an everyday drink.
- Each Tozai sake is a classic representation of its style and grade.
- Be transported to Japan just by looking at Tozai - the labels feature hand-painted koi fish, traditional Japanese kanji, and origami paper patterns.

**BREWERY LOCATION:** Kyoto

**TOJI:** Yoshinori Wakai

**PRESIDENT:** Shinji Matsumoto

**SIZE OF PRODUCTION:** 1500 Koku

**WATER CHARACTERISTICS:**  
Medium hard water

## NOTEWORTHY DISTINCTIONS

*"Tozai, which means 'east and west,' perfectly captures the intent of this brand: we've partnered with an iconic brewery from Kyoto, the birthplace of sake, and using our passion and expertise in the Western market, have brought a brand of sake that is rooted in authenticity yet completely approachable."*



Kyoto is also home to Kyoto's Fushimi Mizu, one of Japan's most prized water sources of soft, pure water.



TOZAISAKE



## NIGHT SWIM

Futsu | **Sizes:** 180ML CAN

Approachable and vibrant sake in a can. Tropical stone fruit aromas with a medium body and clean finish.

**Category:** Round & Rustic



## SNOW MAIDEN

Junmai Nigori | **Sizes:** 180ML CAN

Tozai's iconic nigori sake packaged into an accessible, pocket-sized can.

*\*also available in 300ml & 720ml bottle*

**Category:** Specialty



# TOZAI



## TYPHOON

Futsu | **Sizes:** 720ML, 1.8L

A table sake of remarkable quality with rustic banana bread and nut notes. Sturdy enough to handle being warmed or mixed in cocktails.

**Category:** Round & Rustic



## LIVING JEWEL

Junmai | **Sizes:** 300ML, 720ML

Named after Japan's colorful koi fish that represents good fortune and luck. Light and easy drinking with aromas of banana and white grape.

**Category:** Crisp & Refreshing



## WELL OF WISDOM

Ginjo | **Sizes:** 300ML, 720ML

This sake has juicy watermelon and citrus notes and a racy white pepper finish.

**Category:** Fruity & Floral



## SNOW MAIDEN

Junmai Nigori | **Sizes:** 300ML, 720ML

This cloudy sake has vibrant notes of honeydew melon, raw pumpkin and radish. Creamy texture with a bright, surprisingly dry finish.

*\*also available in 180ml cans*

**Category:** Specialty



## BLOSSOM OF PEACE

Plum Sake | **Sizes:** 720ML

Local, all-natural aodani plums are soaked in Tozai sake for over three months. The bracingly sour plums result in an incredible balanced sake with tart, juicy acidity on the finish.

**Category:** Specialty





# WAKAZE



Founder Takuma Inagawa and master brewer Shoya Imai combined their Japanese expertise with French influence to create an experimental sakagura making craft sake in Paris, France.

## WHY DOES WAKAZE STAND OUT?

- The brewery respects tradition while breaking convention, using French ingredients and innovative techniques in their sakes.
- Toji Shoya-san comes from a famous family of brewers in Gunma, Hijiri. He honed in on his brewing skills at numerous cult breweries in Akita Prefecture; including time that him and Wakaze CEO Takuma-san spent working at Ama No To (our most terroir based producer) which sparked their inspiration to begin this project in France.
- Wakaze's philosophy is based on 3 pillars: Intuition + precision. Experimentation + mastery. History + Heart.

**BREWERY FOUNDED:** 2016

**BREWERY LOCATION:** Paris, France

**WATER CHARACTERISTICS:** Hard water

**TOJI:** Shoya Imai

**PRESIDENT:** Takuma Inagawa

## NOTEWORTHY DISTINCTIONS

*"Imagine if Sancerre and Sake had a lovechild - this racy, bright and tart brew is right at home in any wine bar or French restaurant"*



**Sustainable/Low Intervention**  
minimal polishing of rice, no need to add lactic acid to yeast starter due to white koji



**Camargue**  
the name of the rice as well as the region in France where it is grown, is known as a superfood in France; the minimal polishing preserves these nutrients.



**Organic Burgundy Yeast**  
is used to achieve a naturally lower ABV and unique aromatics not produced by sake yeast.



## CLASSIC

Junmai | Sizes: 720ML

A clear, refreshing, and crisp style sake. The Classic is Wakaze's flagship sake brewed using a 100% French rice, Camargue and a Burgundian white wine yeast that gives it a slight wine-like character.

**Category:** Crisp & Refreshing



## NIGORI

Nigori | Sizes: 720ML

A soft & delicate cloudy sake crafted using 100% French rice. Smooth texture with layered rice aromas.

**Category:** Specialty



## YUZU

Yuzu | Sizes: 720ML

A dry style of yuzu sake with no sugars added. The yuzu brings out the freshness, acidity and slight bitterness of the citrus. Complex flavor with hints of mint.

**Category:** Specialty

# YAMADA SHOTEN



The Yamada family continues to brew their handcrafted sake using the same deep-rooted traditions that were originally used by their ancestors.

## WHY DOES YAMADA SHOTEN STAND OUT?

- Made in an ultra-handcrafted and traditional style, the kanji on the label translates to "nothing has changed since the beginning".

**BREWERY FOUNDED:** 1868

**BREWERY LOCATION:** Gifu

**TOJI:** Masaki Uno

**PRESIDENT:** Naokazu Yamada

**SIZE OF PRODUCTION:** 280 Koku

**WATER CHARACTERISTICS:** Medium hard water

## NOTEWORTHY DISTINCTIONS

*"A rustic and deeply honest sake, reflecting its location in Japan's Central Alps by using Alps yeast and the rare sakamai Hida Homare, polished in house despite the tiny production size of this brewery."*

Yaotsu in Gifu prefecture is home of Yamada Shoten and also the hometown of Chiune Sugihara, a diplomat who saved the lives of over 6,000 Jewish refugees during World War II.



## EVERLASTING ROOTS

Tokubetsu Junmai | **Sizes:** 900ML

A savory and rustic style with smoky, nutty aromas. Flavors of melon, orange and clove spices.

**Category:** Round & Rustic



# YUHO



Unapologetically unconventional, Yuho experiments with brewing components and techniques to produce sakes that have a wild, gamey characteristics with pronounced acidity and remarkable texture.

## WHY DOES YUHO STAND OUT?

- Female president, Miho Fujita and Toji Yokomichi san do not follow traditional brewing methods and brew the sake that they enjoy drinking. Miho san is a single career woman from Tokyo with no prior knowledge of sake and Toji Yokomichi-san left his corporate job to pursue sake.
- Yuho means “happy rice” and also refers to the city’s supposed numerous UFO sightings.
- Miho san believes that her sake can stay open for longer than most - she personally likes to drink them after being open for 1-2 months.

**BREWERY LOCATION:** Ishikawa

**TOJI:** Yokomichi

**PRESIDENT:** Miho Fujita

**SIZE OF PRODUCTION:** 300 Koku

**WATER CHARACTERISTICS:** Soft water

## NOTEWORTHY DISTINCTIONS



Female-Led Brewery  
Miho Fujita, President



All rice is grown locally

*“At once soulful and playful, these sakes are incredibly versatile in the temperatures they can be enjoyed at as well as the broad spectrum of foods they compliment. Equally at home on the Thanksgiving table or with a Sicilian feast, these are sakes made to challenge and inspire.”*



## ETERNAL EMBERS

Junmai | Sizes: 720ML

Aromatics of bread pudding, raisins, nuts and fig. Pairs well with a wide variety of dishes from pate to pecan pie. Aged for 1 year in the bottle to add rich texture and umami flavor.

**Category:** Savory & Complex



## RHYTHM OF THE CENTURIES

Kimoto Junmai | Sizes: 720ML

The ancient kimoto (pole ramming) method is used in the production of this sake along with an extensive 4 years of bottle aging at low temperatures. Aromas of hay, corn husk and banana with the dry, almost tannic qualities of chamomile tea and walnut skin on the finish.

**Category:** Savory & Complex



# NAMAZAKE

## WHAT IS NAMAZAKE? 生酒

- Namazake or 'nama' means **unpasteurized sake** and applies to sake that has not gone through the pasteurization process used for stabilization. (*Most sake are pasteurized twice - once after brewing and a second time during bottling. Pasteurization is done to prevent any yeast or enzyme activity in the bottle and extends the shelf life of the sake.*)
- Namas are most commonly seen and enjoyed in Spring which is traditionally the end of the sake brewing season.
- Namas tend to be noticeably different from pasteurized sake and often have a fresher, more lively & fragrant flavor profile.



Namas must be kept refrigerated (below 50°F) & consumed soon after opening.



Serve chilled & enjoy in an ochoko sake cup or wine glass.



Namas are best consumed within 6 months of purchasing.

*Due to enzyme activity being higher in namas, they can spoil if not stored correctly. Spoiled namas are often cloudy with tart, yeasty or sweet flavors & smell.*

## SAKE STUDY PRO-TIP:

Komé Collective carries the pasteurized version of three of these namazakes year-round. Taste them side by side to understand what truly makes nama special!

# SEASONAL NAMAZAKE OFFERINGS

HANDLING TIPS FOR UNPASTURIZED SAKE: Store below 50 degrees F • Shelf life of 6 months



## TAKAHIRO NAGAYAMA NOBLE ARROW

Tokubetsu Junmai | Sizes: 720ML

Aromas of birthday cake and cotton candy, juicy watermelon mid-palate. Electric minerality on the finish. Pair with goat cheese crositini or kettlecorn.

**Category:** Specialty



## AMA NO TO HEAVEN'S DOOR

Junmai | Sizes: 720ML

Aromas of salty sourdough, passion fruit, guava with a lively cider-y texture. Try with a mezze platter, pickled beets or a Greek salad.

**Category:** Specialty



## FUKUCHO MOON ON THE WATER

Junmai Ginjo | Sizes: 720ML

Aromas of key lime pie and margarita with extra salt. A touch of effervescence keeps this sake light on its feet with a subtle ribbon of gentle umami throughout. Pair with Burmese tea leaf salad or lobster garlic noodles.

**Category:** Specialty



## RIHAKU ORIGIN OF PURITY

Junmai Ginjo | Sizes: 720ML

A robust, powerful expression of namazake. The complexity of flower yeast, omachi rice, and genshu result in layers of blackberry, lime, raisin bran, and nougat. Pair with miso marinated steak, roasted garlic or agrodolce.

**Category:** Specialty

