

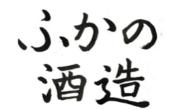


FUKANO JAPANESE WHISKY

'Some of the most uniquely superlative spirits currently being exported to the U.S.' -Bloomberg.com



Founded in 1823. Hitoyoshi, Kumamoto, Japan. Fukano Distillery is located in Hitoyoshi City, of the Kumamoto Prefecture of Japan on the island of Kyushu. Hitoyoshi is surrounded by mountains and is known for its pure water and nature. Shigeruriku Fukano is the fifth generation of his family to run the distillery. They use a combination of malted and unmalted rice to make their whisky in a pot still. These releases are very limited in nature and only a few casks are bottled each year.





Fukano 2223 Edition

There is a special place within the clouds peacefully suspended over Hitoyoshi Japan consisting of sea salt, foreign trade winds and eventual showers. This canopy continues to germinate the Fukano profile; untouched as it has been for centuries. Pure, natural and simply delicious. This latest edition for 2022/2023 offers a beautiful blend of koji whisky aged in refilled White Oak, Manzanilla Sherry and French red wine casks.

<u>Nose:</u> Sugared plums and mulberry are presented with fresh rain and powdered baking spices; with hints of root veg sweetness.

<u>Palate:</u> Young cherry blossoms, waxed honeysuckle, and orchard fruit soak in just before the delicate citrus oils and lightly toasted macadamia nut, butterscotch, and tropical skins arrive.

<u>Finish</u>: As the spices settle to a soft creaminess, a whispering fizz complimented by ripe plantains and dried wine melt slowly toward a lasting semi-sweet white chocolate covered cherry fade.



Fukano Chizuru Limited Edition

This small batch release of Fukano Whisky has been created in collaboration with *Women Who Whisky* to celebrate the career of Chizuru Fukano. Chizuru is the former Managing Director of Fukano Distillery. She started at the distillery in 1990 as a volunteer tour guide and retired in 2018 after 28 years of service to the industry. The whisky was matured in used oak, manzanilla sherry and red wine casks. A sessionable sipper with complexity and backbone that would also work well in a refreshing cocktail. A burst of allspice on the front palate. Very lightly stewed golden plum mid-palate, a hint of thyme, then more of that woodsy earthiness - like a dry, evergreen forest - that was found on the nose.

90 Points - Whisky Advocate