

# YOICHI SINGLE MALT AROMATIC YEAST



70 cl  
48% ABV

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## Yoichi Single Malt Aromatic Yeast, A Nikka Discovery

This rare version of Yoichi single malt is part of the “Nikka Discovery” series: an inside look at the various experiments made during the whisky making process at Nikka. Focusing on the use of yeasts, this expression recalls estery aroma reminiscent of Ginjyo sake.



### YOICHI DISTILLERY (est. 1934, island of Hokkaido)

For his first distillery, Masataka Taketsuru, Nikka's founder, sought similar conditions to Scotland, where he had himself learned everything about whisky making. Yoichi was established in 1934, in the small eponymous coastal town. This extraordinary location benefits from a cold climate with appropriate humidity, crisp clean air and fresh water. To this day, the distillation process has remained true to traditional methods. The pot stills are heated by a direct coal fire, a practice hardly seen today as it is difficult to control temperature and requires highly skilled craftsmen. However, it is at the source of the whisky's boldness and toasty burnt flavours.

## TASTING NOTES

**COLOUR:** Pale gold.

**NOSE:** Fine, distinguished, maritime smoke clearly dominates. Allowed to breathe, it makes way for apple, pear, melon, lily, carnation and mint.

**PALATE:** Firm, lively. Herbaceous, salty and earthy the whisky shows notes of tulip, cyclamen, Mirabelle and coastal flavours.

**FINISH:** Long, crisp and smooth with white grapes and plum aromas. Delicate notes of liquorice and smoke can be found also.

### NIKKA DISCOVERY SERIES

- A series of limited editions highlighting Nikka's various experiments in every step of the making process
- Overturn the preconceived images of the single malts
- Two limited editions in 2022: Miyagikyo and Yoichi single malts Aromatic yeast, featuring diversity of ingredients
- Re-discover the primitive style of each distillery at the same time
- Non chill-filtered to maximise the distinctive flavours
- ABV determined individually for each expression to best enhance the flavours