

MIYAGIKYO SINGLE MALT AROMATIC YEAST



70 cl
47% ABV

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Miyagikyo single malt Aromatic Yeast, A Nikka Discovery

This rare version of Miyagikyo 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 enhances fruity aromas and flavours of peach and apricot.



MIYAGIKYO DISTILLERY (est. 1969, island of Honshu)

Masataka Taketsuru, Nikka's founder, aimed to make his blends more complex by widening the variety of whiskies. In 1967, he was exploring the northern part of Honshu to find another ideal site for his second distillery. He came across a beautiful foggy glen surrounded by mountains and at a junction of two clean rivers. Once he tried the water from one of the rivers, he was so impressed that he immediately decided to build a distillery there. Miyagikyo's terroir and distillation method are quite a contrast compare to Yoichi's. The pot stills are much larger with different shapes such as a bulge neck and an ascending lyne arm. They are heated by indirect steam at a much lower temperature that allows slower distillation. Hence a soft, fruity and floral character of spirit.

TASTING NOTES

COLOUR: Bright gold.

NOSE: Refined and exuberant notes of lavender, marshmallow, soft liquorice and lush malted barley. Allowed to breathe, it shows flowering meadow, and peach, pear, apricot. Gradually, notes of vanilla, coconut milk and lemon meringue tart draw out the first stage of the tasting.

PALATE: Radiant, well-balanced. The whisky has a full body and mouthfeel which displays herbaceous notes but also barley, brioche, white peaches, and acacia honey.

FINISH: Long and silky with fresh flavours of herbal tea (sage, camomile, verbena), notes of salt, cut grass and spices with subtle aromas of pear and lily of the valley.

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