

WHISKY TASTING PACKAGE



HIBIKI JAPANESE HARMONY

70cl / 43%
Country: Japan

Harmony – a rather apt word to describe this well-balanced Japanese blended whisky from the Hibiki range. Hibiki Japanese Harmony is made with malt whiskies from the Yamazaki and Hakushu distilleries, as well as grain whisky from the Chita distillery. The whiskies are drawn from 5 different types of cask, including American white oak casks, Sherry casks and Mizunara oak casks. The blend itself was crafted by the Suntory Whisky blending team, led by Master Blender Shingo Torii. An elegant expression, with wafts of honey, orange, a herbaceous touch or two and light oak.

SUNTORY OLD WHISKY

70cl / 43%
Country: Japan

First produced in the 1940s, it remained one of the most prestigious whiskies to come out of the country until the 1980s when single malts grew in popularity. Medium-bodied with spicy notes, this is an excellent Japanese sipping whisky.

YAMAZAKURA FINE BLENDED WHISKY

70cl / 40%
Country: Japan

Being in existence since 1765, now a well-established distillery, Sasanokawa Shuzo's journey as spirits producers began producing fine sake but it wasn't until 1946 they started making blended whisky. Word spread quickly until they became a must-have in the region, able to compete against Japanese whisky majors such as Suntory and Nikka. With unblended whisky used, this product is aged over 20 years, being matured in barrels for the first 15 years and then moved to tanks. Finally, it was moved into barrels again to complete the maturation process.

THE YAMAZAKI SINGLE MALT WHISKY - DISTILLER'S RESERVE

70cl / 43%
Country: Japan

Released in Spring 2014, this is one of two Distiller's Reserve single malt whiskies from Suntory in Japan. This single malt from the Yamazaki distillery is jam-packed with superb red berry notes, gained from the whisky being matured in Bordeaux wine casks and Sherry casks. It also features malt matured in Mizunara casks, adding subtle fragrant oak notes.

THE HAKUSHU SINGLE MALT WHISKY - DISTILLER'S RESERVE

70cl / 43%
Country: Japan

From the Hakushu distillery in the foothills of Mount Kaikomagate comes their Distiller's Reserve single malt whisky, a no-age-statement expression, that captures the smoky, herbaceous characteristics of their whiskies. Both lightly-peated and heavily-peated malts were used for this complex and deeply enjoyable whisky. One of two Spring 2014 release from Suntory.

KNOB CREEK KENTUCKY STRAIGHT BOURBON WHISKEY

70cl / 50%
Country: USA

Created to represent whiskey before it was mass produced, Knob Creek embodies the look, feel and taste of pre-prohibition bourbon. This is a long-aged, high-rye bourbon from Jim Beam.

LAPHROAIG 10 YEAR OLD

70cl / 40%
Country: Scotland

Really smoky and iodine rich. This has to be one of Scotland's most characterful drams. Laphroaig are known for their medicinal malts, and the classic 10 year old is no exception.

BOWMORE 12 YEAR OLD

70cl / 40%
Country: Scotland

Bowmore 12yo has a place in many hearts as Islay's 'medium-peated' malt. A pronounced iodine character with plenty of pepper, the current 12yo bottling is a welcome return to the classic Bowmores of the 1960s and 1970s, with the emphasis on tropical fruit and smoke. A deserved runner-up in our Whisky of the Year 2014-15.

TAMDHU 12 YEAR OLD

70cl / 43%
Country: Scotland

A fabulous Tamdhu, matured exclusively in a combination of first-fill and refill Oloroso sherry casks for 12 years. Sherried Speyside whisky is always a winner, with oodles of fruit and spice. Check out that handsome retro bottle, too. Stunning stuff.

OBAN 14 YEAR OLD

70cl / 43%
Country: Scotland

A bustling seaside resort has grown up around the distillery in the two centuries since it was first built in the fishing town of Oban. The West Highland malt is still produced in the same unhurried, traditional fashion and this 14 year old is a classic whisky from the distillery.