

Kanto-Shinetsu Sake Awards 2020

(by the Kanto-Shinetsu Regional Taxation Bureau of the National Tax Agency of Japan)

Kanto-Shinetsu Sake Awards are the traditional sake awards held by the Kanto-Shinetsu Regional Taxation Bureau of the National Tax Agency of Japan, which has jurisdiction for the Kanto-Shinetsu region's six prefectures (Ibaraki, Tochigi, Gunma, Saitama, Niigata and Nagano). The awards were first held in 1965 and the most recent awards held in 2020 marked the 91th.

The objective of holding these awards is, through evaluating the quality of sake, to promote the advancement and development of sake brewing technology, to improve the quality of sake brewed in Kanto-Shinetsu region's six prefectures, and to contribute to the sound development of the sake industry.



Six prefectures in the Kanto-Shinetsu region of Japan

The most recent awards (Kanto-Shinetsu Sake Awards 2020) consisted of three categories. The first category was for *Ginjo-shu* sake, a type of sake that has a fruity flavor and has been described as a work of art among sake. The second category was for *Junmai-shu* sake that is made solely from high quality rice and has a fragrant and complex flavor. The last category was for *Junmai Ginjo-shu* sake, a beautiful combination of rich and fruity flavor of *Ginjo-shu* sake with fragrant and tasteful flavor of *Junmai-shu* sake.

The six prefectures of the Kanto-Shinetsu region are blessed with outstanding natural beauty and best climate conditions for brewing sake. For the Kanto-Shinetsu Sake Awards 2020, 151 products were exhibited in the *Ginjo-shu* category, 176 in the *Junmai Ginjo-shu* sake category and 86 in the *Junmai-shu* category from many traditional sake breweries (*Meijo-kura*) in Kanto-Shinetsu region.

The judging panel, who used all their senses to evaluate the quality of the exhibits, carried out the first and second round of judging on September 30th, October 1st and 8th, 2020. Following a strict but fair judging process, Takeshi Kurihara, the Regional Commissioner of the Kanto-Shinetsu Regional Taxation Bureau, awarded the Grand Prize to a manufacturer who achieved the highest score in each of the three categories (the *Ginjo-shu* category, the *Junmai Ginjo-shu* category and the *Junmai-shu* category), and also gave Special Prizes to two other manufacturers that achieved the highest scores in each of the three categories following the Grand Prizes. Furthermore, the Commissioner Kurihara also gave Excellence Prizes to 49 manufacturers in the *Ginjo-shu* category, 56 manufacturers in the *Junmai Ginjo-shu* category and 27 manufacturers in the *Junmai-shu* category that achieved excellent scores.

Judging method

The judges, who are experts in evaluating the quality of sake and came from the six prefectures in the Kanto-Shinetsu region, are researchers from public organizations for sake brewing technology and technical officers from the Kanto-Shinetsu Regional Taxation Bureau. The judges used all their senses to perform strict but fair evaluations of the quality of sake.

Results of the Judging

Ginjo-shu category list

Junmai Ginjo-shu category list

Junmai-shu category list

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Kanto-Shinetsu sake brewery map (English)

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List of Prize winning sake manufacturers of *Ginjo-shu* category in Kanto-Shinetsu Sake Awards 2020

The Grand Prize

Prefecture	Manufacturer	Trade Name	Brewmaster etc.
Tochigi	SOHOMARE SAKE BREWERY CO.,LTD.	SOHOMARE	AKITA Toru

The Special Prize

Prefecture	Manufacturer	Trade Name	Brewmaster etc.
Niigata	KIRINZAN SHUZOU CO.,LTD.	KIRINZAN	HASEGAWA Yoshiaki
Ibaraki	MORISHIMA SHUZOU CO.,LTD.	FUJITAIKAN	MORISHIMA Shouichirou

The Excellence Prize

Prefecture	Manufacturer	Trade Name	Brewmaster etc.
Ibaraki	MEIRISHURUI CORPORATION	FUKUSHOGUN	HIRAYAMA Takashi
Ibaraki	URAZATO SYUZOUTEN LIMITED PARTNERSHIP COMPANY	KIRITSUKUBA	URAZATO Chikara
Ibaraki	HUCHU HOMARE SAKE COMPANY	WATARI BUNE	NAKAJIMA Isao
Ibaraki	AOKI SHUZOU CO.,LTD.	GOKEIJI	YANAI Kazuhiro
Ibaraki	OKABE SHUZOU	MATSUZAKARI	FUJISAKA Shinichi
Ibaraki	AIYU SHUZO CO.,LTD.	AIYU	OBAYASHI Akio
Tochigi	TONOIKE SHUZOUTEN CO.,LTD.	SANRAN	ONO Makoto
Tochigi	WATANABESYUZOU CO.,LTD.	KYOKUKOU	WATANABE Hidenori
Tochigi	MORITO SHUZOU CORPORATION	JUICHIMASAMUNE	OHASHI Masanori
Gunma	SEITOKU MEIJO CO.,LTD.	HOOSEITOKU	TAKIZAWA Mikio
Gunma	ASAMASHUZO CO.,LTD. HONSHAKOJYO	ASAMAYAMA	SAKURAI Takeshi
Gunma	ASAMASHUZO CO.,LTD. DAINIKOJYO	HIGEN	FUJIWARA Satoshi
Saitama	KOEDOKAGAMIYAMASYUZOU CO.,LTD.	KAGAMIYAMA	YAMADA Makoto
Saitama	KAMAYA CO.,LTD.	RIKISHI	MATSUNUMA Hiroaki
Saitama	YOKOTA SHUZOU CO.,LTD.	NIHONBASHI	TSUNASHIMA Mutsuhiko
Saitama	SEIUN SHUZOU CO.,LTD.	SEIUN	YOSHIHARA Takuo
Saitama	KITANISHI SHUZOU CO., LTD.	BUNRAKU	MURAKAMI Daisuke
Niigata	ISHIMOTO SAKE BREWERY CO.,LTD.	KOSHI NO KANBAI	TAKEUCHI Shinichi
Niigata	TAKANO SHUZOU CO., LTD.	KOSHIJI FUBUKI	ISHIKAWA Hiroki
Niigata	DHC SHUZOU CO.,LTD.	KOSHINOBAIRI	TAKYU Kiminori
Niigata	HIKISHUZO CORPORATION	TSURUNOTOMO	MARUTA Kousuke
Niigata	ASAHI-SHUZO SAKE BREWING CO.,LTD. ASAHIGURA	KUBOTA	YAMAGA Motoyoshi
Niigata	OFUKU SHUZOU CO.,LTD.	OFUKU MASAMUNE	NAKANO Yoshikazu
Niigata	KAWACHUSHUZO CORPORATION	SOUTENBOU	NOMIZU Masuo

Prefecture	Manufacturer	Trade Name	Brewmaster etc.
Niigata	KOSHIMEIJO CO., LTD.	KOSHINOTSURU	ASANO Hirofumi
Niigata	MOROHASHI SHUZOU CO.,LTD.	KOSHINOKAGETORA	ASAI Masaru
Niigata	HARA SHUZOU CO.,LTD.	KOSHINOHOMARE	ISHIGURO Yoshikazu
Niigata	ECHIGOZAKURA SHUZO CORPORATION	ECHIGOZAKURA	OTAKE Go
Niigata	KIKUSUI SAKE CO., LTD. SETSUGOROGURA	KIKUSUI GENRYU	IKARASHI Yuta
Niigata	HAKURYU SYUZOU SAKE-BREWING CO., LTD.	HAKURYU	SHIRAI Shinji
Niigata	TAMAGAWA SHUZOU CO., LTD.	ECHIGOYUKIKURA	YAMAMOTO Tuyoshi
Niigata	NAEBA SHUZOU CO.,LTD.	NAEBASAN	UCHIYAMA Katsuya
Niigata	MATSUNOI SHUZOU CORPORATION	MATSUNOI	FURUSAWA Yutaka
Niigata	MIYAO SAKE BREWING CO., LTD.	SHIMEHARITSURU	YOSHIDA Osamu
Niigata	KATO SHUZOTEN CO.,LTD.	KINTSURU	SAKASHITA Motomasa
Nagano	IMAISHUZOUTEN CO., LTD.	WAKAMIDORI	YAMAGUCHI Yoshihisa
Nagano	KAMETAYASHUZOTEN	KAMENOYO	ITO Daiji
Nagano	MARUNAGASHUZOJO LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	TAKANAMI	NAGAHARA Motoharu
Nagano	OKAZAKI SHUZOU CO.,LTD.	SHINSYU KIREI	OKAZAKI Midori
Nagano	TOSHIMAYA CORPORATION	MIWATARI	KOMATSU Yukio
Nagano	ONO SYUZOUTEN CO., LTD.	YOAKEMAE	KIYOTO Yukihiro
Nagano	KADOGUCHI SHUZO CO., LTD.	HOKKO MASAMUNE	MURAMATSU Yuya
Nagano	SHIGAIZUMI SYUZOU CO.,LTD.	SHIGAIZUMI	NAKAYAMA Yoshiki
Nagano	USUI SHOUTEN CORPORATION	HAKUBANISHIKI	MATSUURA Hiroyuki
Nagano	OSAWA SAKE BREWERY CO.,LTD.	MEIKYOSHISUI	OSAWA Minoru
Nagano	KUROSAWA SAKE BREWERY CO.,LTD.	IZUTUCHO	KUROSAWA Yohei
Nagano	SAKUNOHANA SHUZOU CO.,LTD.	SAKUNOHANA	INOUE Tatsuyuki
Nagano	TAKESHIGEHONKESHUZOU CO.,LTD.	MISONOTAKE	SHIGETA Norikazu
Nagano	TOTSUKA SHUZOU CO.,LTD.	KANCHIKU	NISHIMURA Kazuhiko

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List of Prize winning sake manufacturers of *Junmai Ginjo-shu* category in Kanto-Shinetsu Sake Awards 2020

The Grand Prize

Prefecture	Manufacturer	Trade Name	Brewmaster etc.
Tochigi	SOHOMARE SAKE BREWERY CO.,LTD.	SOHOMARE	AKITA Toru

The Special Prize

Prefecture	Manufacturer	Trade Name	Brewmaster etc.
Nagano	KIKUSUI SYUZOU CO.,LTD.	KIKUSUI	KAWAGUCHI Hisao
Ibaraki	HIROSE COMPANY	SEN	KOMATSU Noritugu

The Excellence Prize

Prefecture	Manufacturer	Trade Name	Brewmaster etc.
Ibaraki	ISOKURA SAKE BREWERY	INASATO	ISHIKAWA Hiroyuki
Ibaraki	YOSHIKUBOSYUZOU CO.,LTD.	IPPIN	SUZUKI Tadayuki
Ibaraki	MORISHIMA SHUZOU CO.,LTD.	FUJITAIKAN	MORISHIMA Shouichirou
Ibaraki	URAZATO SYUZOUTEN LIMITED PARTNERSHIP COMPANY	KIRITSUKUBA	URAZATO Chikara
Ibaraki	HUCHU HOMARE SAKE COMPANY	WATARI BUNE	NAKAJIMA Isao
Ibaraki	RAIFUKUSHUZOU	RAIFUKU	SATOU Akira
Ibaraki	YUUKI SHUZOU CO.,LTD.	MUSUBI YUI	URASATO Michiko
Ibaraki	OKABE SHUZOU	MATSUZAKARI	FUJISAKA Shinichi
Ibaraki	KIUCHI SHUZOU GOUSHIKAISHA	KIKUSAKARI	YAMADA Jun
Ibaraki	NEMOTO SHUZOU CO., LTD.	KAMIMARU	KIKUCHI Michirou
Tochigi	INOUE SEIKICHI CO.,LTD.	SAWAHIME	SATO Tamotsu
Tochigi	TORAYA HONTEN CO.,LTD.	SHICHISUI	TENMAYA Makoto
Tochigi	KATAYAMA SYUZOU CO.,LTD.	KASHIWAZAKARI	KATAYAMA Tomoyuki
Tochigi	TONOIKE SHUZOUTEN CO.,LTD.	SANRAN	ONO Makoto
Tochigi	WATANABESYUZOU CO.,LTD.	KYOKUKOU	WATANABE Hidenori
Tochigi	SENKIN CO.,LTD.	SENKIN KAMOSU	USUI Masato
Tochigi	MORITO SHUZOU CORPORATION	SYOUJINZAWA	OHASHI Masanori
Gunma	MACHIDASHUZOUTEN CO.,LTD.	MACHIDASYUZOU	MACHIDA Emi
Gunma	MAKINO SHUZOU CO.,LTD.	OSAKAZUKI	MAKINO Kenjiro
Gunma	SEITOKU MEIJO CO.,LTD.	HOOSEITOKU	TAKIZAWA Mikio
Gunma	ASAMASHUZO CO.,LTD. HONSHAKOJYO	YAMBANOKAZE	SAKURAI Takeshi
Saitama	BUKOU SYUZOU CO., LTD.	BUKOUMASAMUNE	HASEGAWA Takeshi
Niigata	ISHIMOTO SAKE BREWERY CO.,LTD.	KOSHI NO KANBAI	TAKEUCHI Shinichi
Niigata	KINSHIHAISYUZOU CO.,LTD.	ECHIGO TOUJI	KINEBUCHI Junji

Prefecture	Manufacturer	Trade Name	Brewmaster etc.
Niigata	ASAHI-SHUZO SAKE BREWING CO.,LTD. ASAHIGURA	KUBOTA	YAMAGA Motoyoshi
Niigata	MASUKAGAMI CORPORAION	MASUKAGAMI	TAJIMA Kouzou
Niigata	HAKURYU SYUZOU SAKE-BREWING CO., LTD.	HAKURYU	SHIRAI Shinji
Niigata	SHIRATAKI SHUZOU CO., LTD.	JOZEN MIZUNO GOTOSHI	TAKAKI Matsumoto
Niigata	TAKACHIYO SHUZOU CO.,LTD.	MAKIHATA	ABE Shigeo
Niigata	NIIGATA MEIJO CO.,LTD.	CHOJAZAKARI	HOSHINO Atushi
Niigata	MATSUNOI SHUZOU CORPORATION	EIHO	FURUSAWA Yutaka
Niigata	TAIYOU SHUZOU CO.,LTD.	TAIYOUZAKARI	HIRATA Shu
Niigata	MIYAO SAKE BREWING CO., LTD.	SHIMEHARITSURU	YOSHIDA Osamu
Nagano	IMAISHUZOUTEN CO.,LTD.	GOGAKU	YAMAGUCHI Yoshihisa
Nagano	SHUSENKURANO CO.,LTD.	KAWANAKAJIMA GENBU	CHINO Mariko
Nagano	MATSUWO SAKE CORPORATION	MATSUWO	KOMAMURA Koji
Nagano	YOSHINOYA CO.,LTD.	NISHINOMON	HARADA Hiroo
Nagano	KAMETAYASHUZOTEN	ALPS MASAMUNE	ITO Daiji
Nagano	SAKAGURA DAISHINSYU	DAISHINSYU	TANAKAKA Tsumi
Nagano	MARUNAGASHUZOJO LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	TAKANAMI	NAGAHARA Motoharu
Nagano	OKAZAKI SHUZOU CO.,LTD.	SHINSYU KIREI	OKAZAKI Midori
Nagano	NAGANO MEIYOU CO., LTD.	OBASUTE MASAMUNE	WAKABAYASHI Hideaki
Nagano	SAKENUNOYAHONKIN SHUZOU CO.,LTD.	HONKIN	MIYASAKA Koutarou
Nagano	SUWAMIKOTSURU SAKE BREWERY	MIKOTSURU	TAKEUCHI Shigehiko
Nagano	TOSHIMAYA CORPORATION	MIWATARI	KOMATSU Yukio
Nagano	MAIHIME CORPORATION	MAIHIME・SUIRO	ISOZAKI Kunihiro
Nagano	ONO SYUZOUTEN CO., LTD.	YOAKEMAE	KIYOTO Yukihiro
Nagano	YONEZAWA SHUZOU CO.,LTD.	IMANISHIKI	SAKAGUCHI Shunya
Nagano	KADOGUCHI SHUZO CO., LTD.	HOKKO MASAMUNE	MURAMATSU Yuya
Nagano	SHIGAIZUMI SYUZOU CO.,LTD.	ITTEKI NITEKI	NAKAYAMA Yoshiki
Nagano	DAISEKKEI SHUZOU CO.,LTD.	DAISEKKEI	NAGASE Mamoru
Nagano	KITUKURA SHUZOU CO.,LTD.	KIKUHIDE KURA	INOUE Yoshimasa
Nagano	TAKESHIGEHONKESHUZOU CO.,LTD.	BOKUSUI	SHIGETA Norikazu
Nagano	NAKAZEN BREWING COMPANY,LTD.	NAKANORISAN	YAMAGUCHI Takashi
Nagano	NANAWARAISYUZOU CORPORATION	NANAWARAI	YAMAGISAWA Satoru
Nagano	YUKAWA SAKE BREWERY CO.,LTD.	KISOJI	YUGAWA Shinichi

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Gunma	MAKINO SHUZOU CO.,LTD.	OSAKAZUKI	MAKINO Kenjiro

The Special Prize

Prefecture	Manufacturer	Trade Name	Brewmaster etc.
Niigata	TAKANO SHUZOU CO., LTD.	KOSHIJI FUBUKI	ISHIKAWA Hiroki
Niigata	HARA SHUZOU CO.,LTD.	KOSHINOHOMARE	ISHIGURO Yoshikazu

The Excellence Prize

Prefecture	Manufacturer	Trade Name	Brewmaster etc.
Ibaraki	RAIFUKUSHUZOU	RAIFUKU	SATOU Akira
Ibaraki	YUUKI SHUZOU CO.,LTD.	MUSUBI YUI	URASATO Michiko
Tochigi	DAIICHI SHUZOU CO.,LTD.	KAICA	NINOMIYA Shunichi
Tochigi	SOHOMARE SAKE BREWERY CO.,LTD.	SOHOMARE	AKITA Toru
Tochigi	TONOIKE SHUZOUTEN CO.,LTD.	BOU	ONO Makoto
Gunma	KIMUSUMESHUZO CORPORATION	KAZENOUTA	YOSHIDA Kazuhiro
Saitama	MATSUOKA BREWING CO.,LTD.	MIKADO MATSU	MATSUOKA Norio
Niigata	ASAHI-SHUZO SAKE BREWING CO.,LTD. ASAHIGURA	ASAHIYAMA	YAMAGA Motoyoshi
Niigata	KAWACHUSHUZO CORPORATION	SOUTENBOU	NOMIZU Masuo
Niigata	MOROHASHI SHUZOU CO.,LTD.	KOSHINOKAGETORA	ASAI Masaru
Niigata	YOSHINOOGAWA CO.,LTD.	YOSHINOOGAWA	FUJINO Masatsugu
Niigata	KIKUSUI SAKE CO., LTD. SETSUGOROGURA	KIKUSUI SETSUGOROGURA	IKARASHI Yuta
Niigata	AOKI SHUZOU CO., LTD.	KAKUREI	HIGUCHI Muneyoshi
Niigata	SHIRATAKI SHUZOU CO., LTD.	JOZEN MIZUNO GOTOSHI	MATSUMOTO Takaki
Niigata	TAKANOISHUZOU CORPORATION	HATSUUME	KIMURA Akihiro
Niigata	TAIYOU SHUZOU CO.,LTD.	TAIYOUZAKARI	HIRATA Shu
Niigata	TAKEDA SHUZO CO.,LTD.	KATAFUNE	TAKEDA Shigenori
Niigata	MARUYAMA SHUZOUJYOU CO.,LTD.	SETCHUUBAI	MURAYAMA Tosirou
Nagano	MATSUWO SAKE CORPORATION	MATSUWO	KOMAMURA Koji
Nagano	KAMETAYASHUZOTEN	ALPS MASAMUNE	ITO Daiji
Nagano	OKAZAKI SHUZOU CO.,LTD.	SHINSYU KIREI	OKAZAKI Midori
Nagano	SHINSHUMEIJO CO.,LTD.	MEIHO KIKUZAKARI	KUDOU Arimichi
Nagano	MIYASAKA BREWING COMPANY ,LTD. MASUMIFUJIMI BREWERY	MASUMI	NAKANO Atsushi
Nagano	KADOGUCHI SHUZO CO., LTD.	HOKKO MASAMUNE	MURAMATSU Yuya

Prefecture	Manufacturer	Trade Name	Brewmaster etc.
Nagano	KUROSAWA SAKE BREWERY CO.,LTD.	MARUTO	KUROSAWA Yohei
Nagano	FUYOU SHUZOU CO.,LTD.	YOYOI NO YOI	YANAGISAWA Kiyoshi
Nagano	YUKAWA SAKE BREWERY CO.,LTD.	KISOJI	YUGAWA Shinichi