

# Kanto-Shinetsu Sake Awards 2022

(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 2022 marked the 93th.



Six prefectures in the Kanto-Shinetsu region of Japan

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.

The most recent awards (Kanto-Shinetsu Sake Awards 2022) 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 2022, 139 products were exhibited in the *Ginjo-shu* category, 171 in the *Junmai Ginjo-shu* sake category and 88 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and October 6<sup>th</sup> 2022. Following a strict but fair judging process, KAWAMURA Naoki, 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 KAWAMURA also gave Excellence Prizes to 50 manufacturers in the *Ginjo-shu* category, 54 manufacturers in the *Junmai Ginjo-shu* category and 28 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, brewmasters, researchers from National Research Institute of Brewing 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

Please see [Appendix 1](#) and [Appendix 2](#).

## Appendix 1

List of Prize winning sake manufacturers of *Ginjo-shu* category  
in Kanto-Shinetsu Sake Awards 2022

| Prize                  | Prefecture | Manufacturer                    | Trade Name | Brewmaster etc. |
|------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| <b>The Grand Prize</b> | Nagano     | DAISEKKEI SAKE BREWING CO.,LTD. | DAISEKKEI  | NAGASE Mamoru   |

| Prize                    | Prefecture | Manufacturer            | Trade Name   | Brewmaster etc. |
|--------------------------|------------|-------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <b>The Special Prize</b> | Nagano     | TOSHIMAYA CORPORATION   | MIWATARI     | KOMATSU Yukio   |
|                          | Niigata    | TAIYOU SHUZOU CO., LTD. | TAIYOUZAKARI | HIRATA Shu      |

| Prize                       | Prefecture | Manufacturer                                  | Trade Name      | Brewmaster etc.       |
|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| <b>The Excellence Prize</b> | Ibaraki    | MEIRI SHURUI CORPORATION                      | FUKUSHOGUN      | HIRAYAMA Takashi      |
|                             | Ibaraki    | MORISHIMA SHUZOU CO., LTD.                    | FUJI TAIKAN     | 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    | OKABE SHUZOU                                  | MATSUZAKARI     | OKABE Akihiro         |
|                             | Tochigi    | UTSUNOMIYA SHUZO CO., LTD.                    | SHIKISAKURA     | IMAI Shohei           |
|                             | Tochigi    | DAIICHI SHUZOU CO., LTD.                      | KAIKA           | NINOMIYA Shunichi     |
|                             | Tochigi    | SOHOMARE SAKE BREWERY CO., LTD.               | SOHOMARE        | AKITA Toru            |
|                             | Tochigi    | TSUJIZENBEISHOTEN CO., LTD.                   | SAKURAGAWA      | TSUJI Hiroyuki        |
|                             | Tochigi    | TONOIKE SHUZOUTEN CO., LTD.                   | SANRAN          | ONO Makoto            |
|                             | Tochigi    | TENTAKA SHUZOU CO., LTD.                      | TENTAKA         | OOMIYA Kanemitsu      |
|                             | Tochigi    | WATANABE SAKE BREWERY CO., LTD.               | KYOKUKO         | WATANABE Hidenori     |
|                             | Tochigi    | MORITO SHUZOU CO., LTD.                       | JUICHIMASAMUNE  | OHASHI Masanori       |
|                             | Gunma      | MACHIDASHUZOUTEN CO., LTD.                    | SEIRYO          | MACHIDA Emi           |
|                             | Gunma      | SHIBASAKI SYUZOU CO., LTD.                    | FUNAOTAKI       | FUKUSHIMA Takashi     |
|                             | Gunma      | HIJIRISHUZOU CO., LTD.                        | KANTO NO HANA   | YOSHIMOTO Yutaka      |
|                             | Gunma      | MAKINO SHUZOU CO., LTD.                       | OSAKAZUKI       | MAKINO Kenjiro        |
|                             | Gunma      | SHIMAOKA SHUZO CO., LTD.                      | GUNMA IZUMI     | SHIMAOKA Toshinori    |
|                             | Gunma      | SEITOKU MEIJO CO., LTD.                       | HOOSEITOKU      | TAKIZAWA Mikio        |
|                             | Gunma      | KIMUSUMESHUZO CORPORATION                     | KIMUSUME        | YOSHIDA Kazuhiro      |
|                             | Saitama    | TAKIZAWA BREWING COMPANY, LTD.                | KIKUIZUMI       | TAKIZAWA Hideyuki     |
|                             | Saitama    | KOYAMAHONKESHUZO CO., LTD.                    | KINMONSEKAITAKA | NINOMIYA Kazuyuki     |
|                             | Saitama    | YOKOTA SHUZOU CO., LTD.                       | NIHONBASHI      | TSUNASHIMA Mutsuhiko  |
|                             | Saitama    | YAOHONTEN CO., LTD.                           | CHICHIBUNISHIKI | YAO Hiroyuki          |

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| The Excellence Prize | Niigata    | KAETSU SYUZOU CO., LTD.                       | HOMAREKIRIN         | HASEGAWA Hisamitsu  |
|                      | Niigata    | ASAHI-SHUZO SAKE BREWING CO., LTD. SHORAIGURA | KUBOTA              | OOHASHI Ryosaku     |
|                      | Niigata    | IKEURASHUZO SAKE BREWERY                      | WARAKUGOSON         | IKEURA Ryutaro      |
|                      | Niigata    | OFUKU SHUZOU CO., LTD.                        | OFUKU MASAMUNE      | NAKANO Yoshikazu    |
|                      | Niigata    | KAWACHUSHUZO CORPORATION                      | SOUTENBOU           | NOMIZU Masuo        |
|                      | Niigata    | MOROHASHI SHUZOU CO., LTD.                    | KOSHINO KAGETORA    | ASAI Masaru         |
|                      | Niigata    | FUKUGAO SHUZOU CO., LTD.                      | ECHIGO IKARASHIGAWA | MUTO Kazuhito       |
|                      | Niigata    | HARA SHUZOU CO., LTD.                         | KOSHINOHOMARE       | MURATA Masahiko     |
|                      | Niigata    | KIKUSUI SAKE CO., LTD. SETSUGOROGURA          | KIKUSUI             | IKARASHI Yuta       |
|                      | Niigata    | KIKUSUI SAKE CO., LTD. NINOIJIGURA            | KIKUSUI             | ITO Jun             |
|                      | Niigata    | HAKURYU SYUZOU SAKE-BREWING CO., LTD.         | HAKURYU             | SHIRAI Shinji       |
|                      | Niigata    | AOKI SHUZOU CO., LTD.                         | KAKUREI             | HIGUCHI Muneyoshi   |
|                      | Niigata    | TAMAGAWA SHUZOU CO., LTD.                     | ECHIGO YUKIKURA     | YAMAMOTO Tsuyoshi   |
|                      | Niigata    | HAKKAI JYOUZOU CORPORATION                    | HAKKAISAN           | TANAKA Tsutomu      |
|                      | Niigata    | TSUNAN SAKE BREWERY CO., LTD.                 | TSUNAN              | TAKIZAWA Masaya     |
|                      | Niigata    | MIYAO SAKE BREWING CO., LTD.                  | SHIMEHARITSURU      | TOGASHI Tsuneo      |
|                      | Niigata    | KATO SHUZOTEN CO., LTD.                       | KINTSURU            | SAKASHITA Motomasa  |
|                      | Nagano     | IMAISHUZOUTEN CO., LTD.                       | WAKAMIDORI          | YAMAGUCHI Yoshihisa |
|                      | Nagano     | ENDO BREWERY INC.                             | KEIRYU              | TAKANO Shin         |
|                      | Nagano     | SHUSENKURANO CO., LTD.                        | KAWANAKAJIMAGENBU   | CHINO Mariko        |
|                      | Nagano     | OKAZAKI SHUZOU CO., LTD.                      | SHINSYUKIREI        | OKAZAKI Midori      |
|                      | Nagano     | ONO SYUZOUTEN CO., LTD.                       | YOAKEMAE            | KIYOTO Yukihiro     |
|                      | Nagano     | SAKUNOHANA SHUZOU CO., LTD.                   | SAKUNOHANA          | INOUE Tatsuyuki     |
|                      | Nagano     | TOTSUKA SHUZOU CO., LTD.                      | KANCHIKU            | NISHIMURA Kazuhiko  |
|                      | Nagano     | NANAWARAI SAKE BREWERY CO.,LTD.               | NANAWARAI           | YANAGISAWA Satoru   |

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|------------------------|------------|----------------------------|------------|------------------|
| <b>The Grand Prize</b> | Saitama    | KITANISHI SHUZOU CO., LTD. | BUNRAKU    | MURAKAMI Daisuke |

| Prize                    | Prefecture | Manufacturer               | Trade Name    | Brewmaster etc. |
|--------------------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <b>The Special Prize</b> | Tochigi    | TORAYA HONTEN CO., LTD.    | SHICHISUI     | TENMAYA Makoto  |
|                          | Gunma      | MACHIDASHUZOUTEN CO., LTD. | MACHIDASYUZOU | MACHIDA Emi     |

| Prize                       | Prefecture | Manufacturer                                  | Trade Name         | Brewmaster etc.       |
|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>The Excellence Prize</b> | Ibaraki    | MORISHIMA SHUZOU CO., LTD.                    | FUJI TAIKAN        | MORISHIMA Shouichirou |
|                             | Ibaraki    | URAZATO SYUZOUTEN LIMITED PARTNERSHIP COMPANY | KIRITSUKUBA        | URAZATO Chikara       |
|                             | Ibaraki    | HIROSE COMPANY                                | SEN                | KUBOTA Michio         |
|                             | Ibaraki    | HUCHU HOMARE SAKE COMPANY                     | WATARI BUNE        | NAKAJIMA Isao         |
|                             | Ibaraki    | INABA SHUZO                                   | STELLA             | MATSUURA Masao        |
|                             | Ibaraki    | AOKI SHUZOU CO., LTD.                         | GOKEIJI            | YANAI Kazuhiro        |
|                             | Ibaraki    | BUYU CORPORATION                              | BUYU               | HOSAKA Daijirou       |
|                             | Ibaraki    | YUUKI SHUZOU CO., LTD.                        | MUSUBI YUI         | URASATO Michiko       |
|                             | Ibaraki    | OKABE SHUZOU                                  | MATSUZAKARI        | OKABE Akihiro         |
|                             | Ibaraki    | AIYUSHUZOU CO.,LTD.                           | AIYU               | OBAYASHI Akio         |
|                             | Tochigi    | INOUE SEIKICHI CO., LTD.                      | SAWAHIME           | SATO Tamotsu          |
|                             | Tochigi    | DAIICHI SHUZOU CO., LTD.                      | KAICA              | NINOMIYA Shunichi     |
|                             | Tochigi    | SOHOMARE SAKE BREWERY CO., LTD.               | SOHOMARE           | AKITA Toru            |
|                             | Tochigi    | TONOIKE SHUZOUTEN CO., LTD.                   | SANRAN             | ONO Makoto            |
|                             | Tochigi    | TENTAKA SHUZOU CO., LTD.                      | TENTAKA            | OOMIYA Kanemitsu      |
|                             | Tochigi    | WATANABE SAKE BREWERY CO., LTD.               | KYOKUKO            | WATANABE Hidenori     |
|                             | Tochigi    | TOMIKAWA SHUZOUTEN CO., LTD.                  | CHUAI              | TAKENOUCHI Hiroshi    |
|                             | Tochigi    | MORITO SHUZOU CO., LTD.                       | SYOUJINZAWA        | OHASHI Masanori       |
|                             | Gunma      | MAKINO SHUZOU CO., LTD.                       | OSAKAZUKI          | MAKINO Kenjiro        |
|                             | Gunma      | NAGAI SAKE INC.                               | MIZUBASHO          | GOTO Kenji            |
|                             | Gunma      | MATSUYA SHUZOU CO., LTD.                      | RUKA               | MATSUBARA Hiroyuki    |
|                             | Gunma      | SEITOKU MEIJO CO., LTD.                       | HOOSEITOKU         | TAKIZAWA Mikio        |
|                             | Saitama    | IGARASHI SYUZO CO., LTD.                      | TENRANZAN          | KOBAYASHI Kiyoshi     |
|                             | Niigata    | MINENOHAKUBAI SAKE BREWING CORPORATION        | MINENOHAKUBAI RURI | IJIMA Kenji           |
|                             | Niigata    | ASAHI-SHUZO SAKE BREWING CO., LTD. ASAHIGURA  | KUBOTA             | YAMAGA Motoyoshi      |

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| The Excellence Prize | Niigata    | YOSHINOAWA CO., LTD.                           | YOSHINOAWA           | FUJINO Masatsugu     |
|                      | Niigata    | KIKUSUI SAKE CO., LTD. SETSUGOROGURA           | KIKUSUI              | IKARASHI Yuta        |
|                      | Niigata    | HAKURYU SYUZOU SAKE-BREWING CO., LTD.          | HAKURYU              | SHIRAI Shinji        |
|                      | Niigata    | SHIRATAKI SHUZOU CO., LTD.                     | JOZENMIZUNOGOTOSHI   | MATSUMOTO Takaki     |
|                      | Niigata    | TAKACHIYO SHUZOU CO., LTD.                     | MAKIHATA             | ABE Shigeo           |
|                      | Niigata    | TAIYOU SHUZOU CO., LTD.                        | TAIYOUZAKARI         | HIRATA Shu           |
|                      | Niigata    | MIYAO SAKE BREWING CO., LTD.                   | SHIMEHARITSURU       | TOGASHI Tsuneo       |
|                      | Niigata    | HENMI SHUZOU CO.,LTD.                          | SHINRYOU             | HENMI Akimasa        |
|                      | Nagano     | MATSUWO SAKE CORPORATION                       | MATSUWO              | IE Osamu             |
|                      | Nagano     | YOSHINOYA CO., LTD.                            | NISHINOMON           | HARADA Hiroo         |
|                      | Nagano     | KAMETAYASHUZOTEN                               | ALPS MASAMUNE        | ITO Daiji            |
|                      | Nagano     | OKAZAKI SHUZOU CO., LTD.                       | SHINSYUKIREI HEXAGON | OKAZAKI Midori       |
|                      | Nagano     | SHINSHUMEIJO CO., LTD.                         | SHUHO KIKUZAKARI     | KUDOU Arimichi       |
|                      | Nagano     | WAKABAYASHI BREWING CO., LTD.                  | TSUKIYOSHINO         | WAKABAYASHI Mami     |
|                      | Nagano     | SAKENUNOYAHONKIN SHUZOU CO., LTD.              | HONKIN               | IMAI Norimichi       |
|                      | Nagano     | TOSHIMAYA CORPORATION                          | MIWATARI             | KOMATSU Yukio        |
|                      | Nagano     | MIYASAKA BREWING COMPANY, LTD. MASUMI SUWAKURA | MASUMI               | HIRABAYASHI Kazuyuki |
|                      | Nagano     | KASUGA SHUZOU CO., LTD.                        | INOKASHIRA           | URUSHIDO Takahiko    |
|                      | Nagano     | ONO SYUZOUTEN CO., LTD.                        | YOAKEMAE             | KIYOTO Yukihiro      |
|                      | Nagano     | CHOSEISHA SAKE CORPORATION                     | SHINANOTSURU         | KITAHARA Takeshi     |
|                      | Nagano     | SENJYO CO., LTD.                               | KUROMATSUSENJYO      | YANAGIDAIRA Masato   |
|                      | Nagano     | YONEZAWA SHUZOU CO., LTD.                      | IMANISHIKI           | SAKAGUCHI Shunya     |
|                      | Nagano     | TANAKAYA BREWING CO., LTD.                     | MIZUO                | KUBOTA Takemitsu     |
|                      | Nagano     | DAISEKKEI SAKE BREWING CO., LTD.               | DAISEKKEI            | NAGASE Mamoru        |
|                      | Nagano     | HOKUAN JOUZOU CO., LTD.                        | HOKUAN DAIKOKU       | YAMAZAKI Yoshiyuki   |
|                      | Nagano     | CHIKUMANISHIKI SYUZOU CO.,LTD.                 | SENROKURIKKA         | KITAJIMA Masayuki    |
|                      | Nagano     | TSUCHIYA SHUZOUTEN CORPORATION                 | KAMENOUMI            | SUZUKI Shunzi        |
|                      | Nagano     | NANAWARAI SAKE BREWERY CO., LTD.               | NANAWARAI            | YANAGISAWA Satoru    |
|                      | Nagano     | YUKAWA SAKE BREWERY CO., LTD.                  | KISOJI               | YUGAWA Shinichi      |

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| <b>The Grand Prize</b> | Tochigi    | TONOIKE SHUZOUTEN CO., LTD. | BO         | ONO Makoto      |

| Prize                    | Prefecture | Manufacturer                                 | Trade Name | Brewmaster etc.  |
|--------------------------|------------|----------------------------------------------|------------|------------------|
| <b>The Special Prize</b> | Niigata    | ASAHI-SHUZO SAKE BREWING CO., LTD. ASAHIGURA | ASAHİYAMA  | YAMAGA Motoyoshi |
|                          | Niigata    | KIKUSUI SAKE CO., LTD. SETSUGOROGURA         | KIKUSUI    | IKARASHI Yuta    |

| Prize                       | Prefecture | Manufacturer                                  | Trade Name       | Brewmaster etc.       |
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| <b>The Excellence Prize</b> | Ibaraki    | MORISHIMA SHUZOU CO., LTD.                    | MORISHIMA        | MORISHIMA Shouichirou |
|                             | Ibaraki    | URAZATO SYUZOUTEN LIMITED PARTNERSHIP COMPANY | URAZATO          | URAZATO Chikara       |
|                             | Ibaraki    | BUYU CORPORATION                              | BUYU             | HOSAKA Daijirou       |
|                             | Tochigi    | TORAYA HONTEN CO., LTD.                       | SHICHISUI        | TENMAYA Makoto        |
|                             | Tochigi    | DAIICHI SHUZOU CO., LTD.                      | KAICA            | NINOMIYA Shunichi     |
|                             | Tochigi    | SOHOMARE SAKE BREWERY CO., LTD.               | SOHOMARE         | AKITA Toru            |
|                             | Tochigi    | WATANABE SAKE BREWERY CO., LTD.               | KYOKUKO          | WATANABE Hidenori     |
|                             | Tochigi    | MORITO SHUZOU CO., LTD.                       | SYOUJINZAWA      | OHASHI Masanori       |
|                             | Gunma      | MAKINO SHUZOU CO., LTD.                       | OSAKAZUKI        | MAKINO Kenjiro        |
|                             | Gunma      | NAGAI SAKE INC.                               | TANIGAWADAKE     | GOTO Kenji            |
|                             | Niigata    | ASAHI-SHUZO SAKE BREWING CO., LTD. SHORAIGURA | ASAHİYAMA        | OOHASHI Ryosaku       |
|                             | Niigata    | YOSHINOOGAWA CO., LTD.                        | YOSHINOOGAWA     | FUJINO Masatsugu      |
|                             | Niigata    | MOROHASHI SHUZOU CO., LTD.                    | KOSHINO KAGETORA | ASAI Masaru           |
|                             | Niigata    | AOKI SHUZOU CO., LTD.                         | KAKUREI          | HIGUCHI Muneyoshi     |
|                             | Niigata    | TAKACHIYO SHUZOU CO., LTD.                    | TAKACHIYO        | ABE Shigeo            |
|                             | Niigata    | TSUNAN SAKE BREWERY CO., LTD.                 | TAZINBA          | TAKIZAWA Masaya       |
|                             | Niigata    | MATSUNOI SHUZOU CORPORATION                   | NIHONSHU         | FURUSAWA Yutaka       |
|                             | Niigata    | TAIYOU SHUZOU CO., LTD.                       | TAIYOUZAKARI     | HIRATA Shu            |
|                             | Niigata    | KIMINOI SHUZOU CO., LTD.                      | KIMINOI          | HAYATSU Hiroshi       |
|                             | Niigata    | KUBIKI SHUZOU CO., LTD.                       | KOSHIZINO KOUBAI | YOSHIZAKI Tsukasa     |
|                             | Niigata    | TAKEDA SYUZO CO.,LTD.                         | KATAFUNE         | TAKEDA Shigenori      |
|                             | Nagano     | ENDO BREWERY INC.                             | KEIRYU           | TAKANO Shin           |
|                             | Nagano     | KIKUSUI SYUZOU CO., LTD.                      | KIKUSUI          | KAWAGUCHI Hisao       |
|                             | Nagano     | KADOGUCHI SHUZO CO., LTD.                     | HOKKO MASAMUNE   | MURAMATSU Yuya        |
|                             | Nagano     | TANAKAYA BREWING CO., LTD.                    | MIZUO            | KUBOTA Takemitsu      |

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| The Excellence Prize | Nagano     | MARUSE SYUZOUTEN CO., LTD.       | IKIOI MASAMUNE | SEKI Shinji        |
|                      | Nagano     | DAISEKKEI SAKE BREWING CO., LTD. | DAISEKKEI      | NAGASE Mamoru      |
|                      | Nagano     | HOKUAN JOUZOU CO., LTD.          | HOKUAN DAIKOKU | YAMAZAKI Yoshiyuki |

第93回関東信越国税局酒類鑑評会 最優秀賞受賞酒  
Kanto-Shinetsu Sake Awards 2022 The Grand Prize

第93回関東信越国税局酒類鑑評会においては、海外消費者に向けた日本酒の認知度の向上と分かりやすい情報発信のため、吟醸酒の部、純米吟醸酒の部、純米酒の部の3部門の最優秀受賞酒について、テイスティングノート及びアイコンを作成し、広く一般に公開することとしました。

At the Kanto-Shinetsu Sake Awards 2022, in order to improve the awareness of sake among overseas consumers, we created and released tasting notes and icons of sake from the manufacturer that received the grand prize in the three categories (the Ginjo-shu category, Junmai Ginjo-shu category and, Junmai-shu category).

## Point1 テイスティングノートの作成方法 How to create tasting notes

① 国際的ワイン品評会の一つであるIWC(International Wine Challenge)の日本酒部門のテイスティングノート計4,550件についてデータ解析(テキストマイニング)を行い、日本酒の多様で複雑な香味を表現する英語表現として一般的であると考えられる単語を抽出しました。

② この単語を用いて、鑑評会の品質評価員が各部門の最優秀賞受賞酒を評価し、その結果を集計して文章を作成しました。

1. We analyzed the data (text mining) of a total of 4,550 tasting notes for the sake category of the IWC (International Wine Challenge), an international wine competition, and extracted words that are considered to be common English expressions for describing the complex and diverse flavors of sake.

2. Using these words, the judges at the Sake Awards evaluated the sake which received the grand prize in each category, and aggregated the results to create a report.

## Point2 アイコンについて About Icons

テストノート作成において品質評価員が指摘した表現を基に、表現の出現頻度を可視化するWordcloudという手法を用いて作成しました。

アイコンを構成する単語は、多くの品質評価員が感じたものであるほど大きく表示されており、最優秀賞受賞酒の香りや味を視覚的に、直感的に感じることができます。各最優秀賞受賞酒のアイコンは、そのお酒の品質評価の集計結果を基に作成されているため、唯一無二のものです。

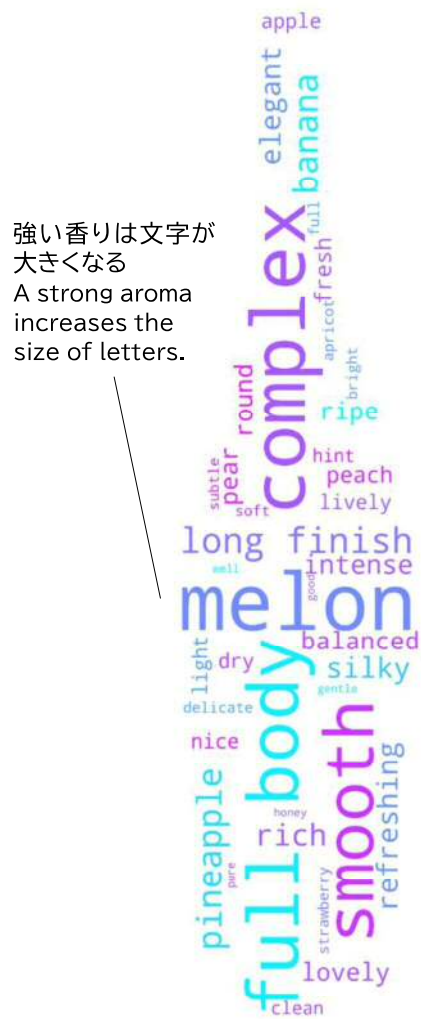
※ アイコンの輪郭は、日本酒の容器の一種である一升瓶をモチーフにしています。

Based on the expressions pointed out by the judges in the creation of the tasting notes, we used Wordcloud to visualize the frequency of the expressions used.

The words comprising the icons are displayed bigger if they were felt by many of the judges, so you can visualize and intuitively feel the aroma and taste of the sake which won the grand prize. The icons for each grand prize winning sake were created based on the aggregated results of the quality evaluation for that sake, so each one is unique.

\*The shape of the icon is based on a one-sho bottle, a type of container for sake.

アイコンの例  
Icon example



強い香りは文字が  
大きくなる  
A strong aroma  
increases the  
size of letters.

弱い香りは文字が小さくなる  
A weak aroma reduces the size of letters.

吟醸酒の部 最優秀賞  
大雪溪酒造株式会社

Kanto-Shinetsu Sake Awards 2022  
Gnjo-shu category

## The Grand Prize

Tasting note:

メロンや林檎のようなリッチな香り。  
洋梨、パイナップル、バナナの芳香もあり、  
非常に優雅で軽い酒質、柔らかいテクスチャ、  
甘味と苦味のバランスが素晴らしい。

Rich nose with melon and apple character.  
Notes of pear, pineapple and banana,  
extremely elegant, light style, soft texture,  
great balance of sweetness and bitterness.

帶著宛如哈密瓜或蘋果般的濃郁香氣。  
以及西洋梨、鳳梨和香蕉的芬芳，  
氣味極其優雅的輕質酒體，質地滑順柔和，  
甜味與苦味相互協調的完美平衡。

Manufacturer : DAISEKKE SAKE BREWING CO.,LTD.

Trade Name : DAISEKKE

Brewmaster etc.: NAGASE Mamoru

light  
salty  
dry  
mushroom  
candy  
peach  
lively  
tropical  
fruit  
mango  
clean  
fresh  
medium  
body  
apple  
balanced  
pear  
elegant  
grapefruit  
smooth  
sweetness  
delicate  
finish  
melon  
soft  
balanced  
apple  
green  
caramel  
acidity  
bitterness  
honey  
ripe  
sweetness  
white  
body  
complex  
refreshing  
rice  
round  
banana  
lychee  
strawberry  
apricot  
nut  
astringency

純米吟醸酒の部 最優秀賞  
北西酒造株式会社

Kanto-Shinetsu Sake Awards 2022  
Junmai Ginjo-shu category

## The Grand Prize

Tasting note :

林檎、メロン、洋梨などの果実味が一貫して  
感じられる上品な純米大吟醸。  
口の中を優しく覆うようなコク、クリーミーな舌触り、  
丸みのある余韻。柔らかく、滑らかで、  
口当たりの良い味わい。

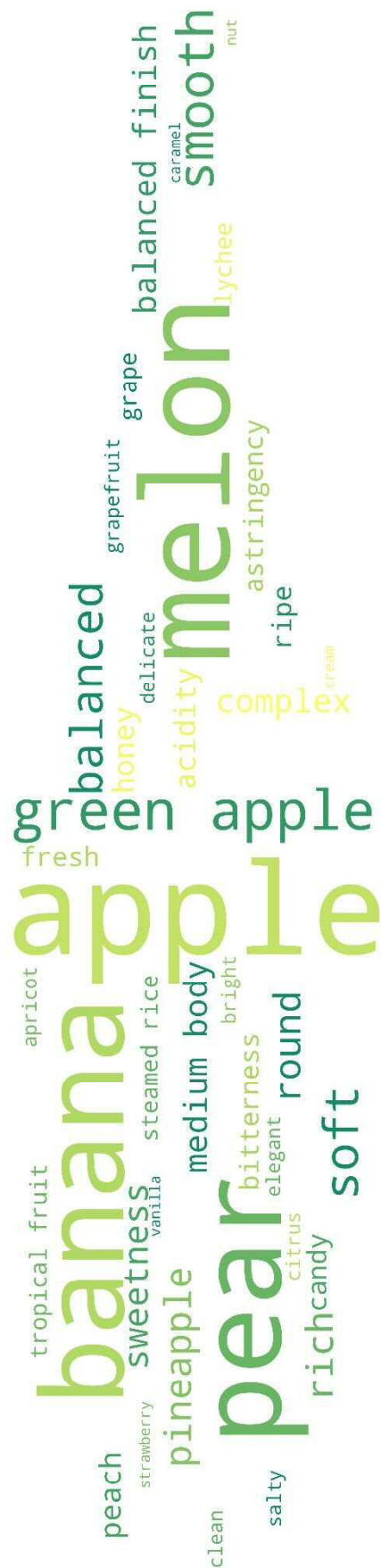
Classy Junmai Daiginjo with consistent  
fruitiness, apple, melon, pear. a gentle mouth  
coating richness, layered with creamy viscosity,  
deliciously rounded finish.  
Soft, smooth and very mouthfilling.

蘋果、哈密瓜、西洋梨等果香味尾韻悠長，  
精緻優雅的純米大吟醸。  
豐富的層次感彷彿在口中輕輕包覆著舌尖一  
般，口感濃郁、餘韻柔和。  
細膩、滑順、清爽好入口。

Manufacturer : KITANISHI SHUZOU CO., LTD.

Trade Name : BUNRAKU

Brewmaster etc. : MURAKAMI Daisuke



純米酒の部 最優秀賞  
株式会社外池酒造店

Kanto-Shinetsu Sake Awards 2022  
Junmai-shu category

# The Grand Prize

Tasting note :

香り豊かなバナナ、メロン、青林檎の香り。  
キャラメル、パイナップル、ハチミツのリッチで  
官能的な味わい。  
充実した酸味とバランスの取れた余韻。

Aromatic banana, melon and green apple nose.  
Rich, delicious voluptuous caramel,  
pineapple and honey palate.  
Ample acid in balanced finish.

蘊含濃郁的香蕉、哈密瓜、青蘋果香氣。  
愉悅品嚐焦糖、鳳梨、蜂蜜醇厚風味  
所帶來的美妙感官享受。  
酸味鮮明、餘韻完美均衡。

Manufacturer : TONOIKE SHUZOUTEN CO., LTD.

Trade Name : BO

Brewmaster etc.: **ONO Makoto**

