

Tokenoka Black Label Japanese Blended Whisky

The Distillery:

Tokenoka is produced by the White Oak Distillery in Japan. The history of the company can be traced back to 1679 when the Eigashima Company started producing saké. In 1888, they started a brewery and then obtained a distilling license in 1919 under the name White Oak, the first ever whisky distilling license in Japan. After the Second World War, demand for whisky increased in Japan and as a result, Eigashima started distilling malt whisky in small pot stills made in Japan.

This production was unknown territory and they used the facilities and know-how applied from sake-making. The new distillery was established in 1984 and was built in the Scottish style. They are producing only malt whiskies although on a very small scale. The annual production is currently limited to 30,000 litres per year. This is very unique distillery, using only specially-selected barley imported from Scotland, and production water that comes from the same underground source used in the making of their Japanese sake.



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Region: Western Japan

Made By: Akito Ueda, Master Blender of White Oak distillery

Production: Made from 50% malt whisky and 50% grain whisky aged in 3 different types of casks (Bourbon, Xeres and new oak)

Alcohol: 50%

Description: Its rather more fruity nose with aromas of tropical fruits and notes of toasted oak, precedes an appealing mouth experience with the appearance of woody aromas and some notes of citrus. It presents a very nice roundness in the mouth and combines at the same time a spicy and creamy sharp side, with a soft and vanilla finish characteristic of Tokenoka.

Nose: Tropical fruits, toasted oak

Body: Woody, citrus fruit

Finish: Elegant and long aftertaste

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Rating out of 100: 92

Deep amber in colour, this spirit from White Oak Distillery displays substantial body for a blended whisky. And for a quality Japanese offering it's not stunningly overpriced, believe it or not. Full and robust, it's got a silky-sticky texture that carries flavours of orange marmalade, Weetabix cereal, honey and vanilla as well as a nutty overtone and essence of charred wood. Bottled at 50.3-per-cent alcohol. It's spicy and firm.

