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NIKKA MIYAGIKYO 12 YEARS

Sherry & Sweet | Distillery only release

Nikka Miyagikyo Sherry & Sweet 12 Year Old is a discontinued distillery-exclusive single malt, available only from the Miyagikyo shop in Sendai which makes this a very rare find, MATURATION: Full maturation in sherry casks build a deep mahogany colour and a rich fruit profile: raisin, date and honey from the wood, with a quiet smokiness that runs as a through-line beneath the sweetness. The higher bottling strength preserves the full sherry-cask intensity. SERVING: serve neat in a Glencairn first, the rich coffee and sherry aromas settle to reveal cherry blossom and apple beneath. A few drops of water open the honey and date character fully. A dram to share: perfect alongside a medium-roast coffee or a square of good dark chocolate.

Tasting notes

Color

Deep amber with mahogany highlights, evidence of long sherry-cask maturation.

Aroma

Rich coffee and sweet nuts open the nose. With aeration, floral tones emerge, cherry blossom, crisp apple, harmonising with the earthier undertones.

Taste

Sherry-laden palate: raisin, date and honey, balanced by deep malt and oak tannin.

Finish

Long, warm finish with a generous return of sherry and a touch of dried fruit that lingers without dominating.

MIYAGIKYO DISTILLERY Founded in 1934 by Masataka Taketsuru, the Scotland-trained father of Japanese whisky, Nikka Whisky Distilling Company operates two emblematic distilleries: Yoichi on the northern island of Hokkaido, and Miyagikyo, opened in 1969 in the valley of the Nikkawa and Hirose rivers near Sendai, Miyagi Prefecture. Taketsuru chose the site for its pure air, natural humidity and exceptional water he considered ideal for malts softer and more elegant than those of Hokkaido. The distillery uses steam-heated stills to produce refined, fruity and floral distillates.