

MARS TSUNIKI THE FIRST

NAGANO, JAPAN

The much anticipated first release from Tsunuki Distillery has finally arrived! The Mars Tsunuki distillery opened in November 2016. Mars could have expanded the Mars Shinshu Distillery in Nagano, considering the efficiency, but they chose Tsunuki, because Tsunuki was the birthplace to Hombo Shuzo and has access to beautiful water. The climate at the Tsunuki Distillery is drastically different than Mars Shinshu, as it sits at sea level, experiencing higher humidity and fluctuating temperatures. The goal of the new distillery is to not necessarily increase production, but to experiment with terroir. This is the very first Single Malt from Tsunuki Distillery, Distilled in 2016~2017. Aged for Over 3 Years, The First is very rich and has an elegant sweetness like vanilla, maple syrup. Banana crepe, apple pie flavor gives complexity to the whisky. Round and Rich impression on the senses. Sweetness and richness from the bourbon barrels and sherry casks lingers on the finish. 59%

TASTING NOTES

Fresh bread, citrus fruits, vanilla, pine nuts, cinnamon

ALCOHOL FINISH

59.0% ABV BOURBON

SIZE STYLE

750 ML SINGLE MALT

SPECIAL NOTE

1122 BOTTLE SINGLE RELEASE



MARS DISTILLERY

Mars Whisky is located between Japan's soaring Southern Alps and the towering Central Alps. The Hombo family have been distilling for more than a century and added whisky to their repertoire in 1949. At that time the distillery was located in the Tsunuki region of Kagoshima Prefecture on the southern-most island of Kyushu.

Until 1984, it was the southernmost whisky made in Japan, which ended when the Hombo clan moved the distillery to the idyllic alpine setting of Miyada village in southern Nagano Prefecture, Central Japan. They chose this site for its cool temperature, which slowed maturation, and the plentiful soft granite filtered snowmelt fed aquifers.

