

Kanto-Shinetsu Sake Awards 2015

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 2015 marked the 86th.

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 2015) consisted of two sections: The first section was for *Ginjo-shu* sake that has a fruity flavor and has been described as the highest work of art among sake. The second section was for *Junmai-shu* sake that is made solely from highly quality rice and has a fragrant and complex flavor. From the many traditional sake brewers (*Meijo-kura*) in the six prefectures of the Kanto-Shinetsu region, which is a region blessed with outstanding natural beauty, in the *Ginjo-shu* section 197 products were exhibited from 197 breweries, and in the *Junmai-shu* section, 180 were exhibited from 180 brewers.

The judging panel, who used all their senses to evaluate the quality of the exhibits, carried out the first round of judging on October 6th and 7th, 2015, and the second (and final) round on October 14th, 2015. Following a strict but fair judging process, the Regional Commissioner Takehito Matsumura of the Kanto-Shinetsu Regional Taxation Bureau awarded the Grand Prize to a brewer who was awarded the highest score in the *Ginjo-shu* section, and also gave Excellence Prizes to further 59 brewers that achieved excellent scores. In the *Junmai-shu* section, the Commissioner Matsumura also gave Excellence Prizes to 57 brewers that achieved excellent scores.



Six prefectures in the Kanto-Shinetsu region of Japan

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 a public organization for sake brewing technology, brewmasters 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 section list](#)

[Junmai-shu section list](#)

Appendix 3

List of Prize winning sake manufacturers of Ginjo-shu section in Kanto-Shinetsu Sake Awards 2015

The Grand Prize

Prefecture	Manufacturer	Trade Name	Brewmaster etc.
Nagano	OKAZAKI SHUZOU CORPORATION	KIREI	Okazaki Midori

(1) List of Excellence Prize winners in Ginjo-shu section

Prefecture	Manufacturer	Trade Name	Brewmaster etc.
Ibaraki	ISOKURA SAKE BREWERY	INASATO	Ishikawa Hiroyuki
Ibaraki	TSUKINOI SHUZOUTEN CORPORATION	TSUKINOI	Kikuchi Shoetsu
Ibaraki	YOSHIKUBOSHUZOU CORPORATION	IPPIN	Suzuki Tadayuki
Ibaraki	HIROSE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP COMPANY	SHIRAGIKU	Komatsu Noritsugu
Ibaraki	AOKI SHUZOU CORPORATION	GOKEIJI	Yanai Kazuhiro
Ibaraki	BUYŪ CORPORATION	BUYŪ	Hosaka Daijirou
Ibaraki	RAIFUKU SHUZOU CORPORATION	RAIFUKU	Satou Akira
Ibaraki	NEMOTO SHUZO	KUJINOYAMA	Kikuchi Michiro
Ibaraki	AIYU SHUZO CO., LTD.	AIYU	Tada Ichiro
Tochigi	TORAYA HONTEN CORPORATION	KIKU	Tenmaya Makoto
Tochigi	SOHOMARE SAKE BREWERY CO., LTD.	SOHOMARE	Akita Toru
Tochigi	TSUJIZENBEI CORPORATION	SAKURAGAWA	Tsuji Hiroyuki
Tochigi	WATANABE SHUZOU CORPORATION	KYOKUKOU	Ishii Hiroshi
Tochigi	TOMIKAWA SHUZOUTEN CORPORATION	TOMIKAWA	Oya Tsutomu
Tochigi	MATSUI SHUZOTEN CORPORATION	MATSU NO KOTOBUKI	Matsui Nobutaka
Gunma	MACHIDA SHUZOUTEN CORPORATION	SEIRYOU	Machida Emi
Gunma	SHIBASAKI SHUZOU CORPORATION	FUNAOTAKI	Fukushima Takashi
Gunma	SEITOKUMEIJO CORPORATION	HOOSEITOKU	Takizawa Mikio
Gunma	ASAMASYUZOU KABUSHIKIGAISSYA HONSYAKOUJOU	KUSATSU BUSHI	Sakurai Takeshi
Gunma	ASAMASYUZOU KABUSHIKIGAISSYA DAINIKOUJOU	HIGEN	Kobayashi Takahiro
Saitama	KAMAYA CORPORATION	RIKISHI	Matsunuma Hiroaki
Saitama	KAWABATA SHUZOU CORPORATION	MASUKAWA	Kawabata Toshiyuki
Saitama	YOKOTASHUZOU CORPORATION	NIHONBASI	Sekine Kiyoo
Saitama	MATSUOKAJYOUZOU CORPORATION	MIKADOMATSU	Matsuoka Norio

Saitama	BUNRAKU CORPORATION	BUNRAKU	Murakami Daisuke
Niigata	ECHIGO SHUZO JO CORPORATION	KOSHINOHAPPO	Sowa Toru
Niigata	KIRINZANSHUZO CORPORATION	KIRINZAN	Hasegawa Yoshiaki
Niigata	KINSHIHAISHUZO CO., LTD.	ECHIGO-TOJI	Abe Noboru
Niigata	TAKARAYAMASHUZOU CORPORATION	TAKARAYAMA	Aoyagi Choichi
Niigata	MINENOHAKUBAISHUZOU CORPORATION	MINENOHAKUBAI	Yamasiro Tetsuya
Niigata	ASAHI-SHUZO SAKE BREWING CO., LTD. ASAHIGURA	ASAHIYAMA	Yamaga Motoyoshi
Niigata	HAKUROSHUZOU CORPORATION	HAKURO	Shirahara Mitsuaki
Niigata	MOROHASHISHUZOU CORPORATION	KOSHINOKAGETORA	Tanaka Masayuki
Niigata	YOSHINOOGAWA CO., LTD.	YOSHINOOGAWA	Nakagawa Masayoshi
Niigata	YUKITSUBAKISHUZO CO., LTD.	KOSHINOYUKITSUBAKI	Iizuka Taiichi
Niigata	HARASHUZO WAJYOGURA	KOSHINOHOMARE	Ishiguro Yoshikazu
Niigata	ECHIGOZAKURA SHUZOU CORPORATION	ECHIGOZAKURA	Otake Go
Niigata	KIKUSUI SAKE CO., LTD. SETSUGORO GURA	KIKUSUI GENRYU	Tamaki Kozue
Niigata	KIKUSUI SAKE CO., LTD. NINOUI GURA	KIKUSUI	Ito Jun
Niigata	AOKI SHUZOU CORPORATION	KAKUREI	Imai Takahiro
Niigata	TAKACHIYO SHUZOU CO., LTD.	TAKACHIYO	Abe Shigeo
Niigata	HAKKAIJYOUZOU CORPORATION	HAKKAISAN	Tanaka Tsutomu
Niigata	MIYAO SAKE BREWING CO., LTD.	SHIMEHARITSURU	Yoshida Osamu
Niigata	KIMINOI SHUZO CO., LTD.	KIMINOI	Hayatsu Hiroshi
Niigata	TANAKA SHUZOU CORPORATION	NOUTAKA	Baba Yoshinori
Niigata	MARUYAMA BREWING COMPANY LIMITED	SETCHUUBAI	Murayama Toshirou
Niigata	MYOKOUSHUZOU CORPORATION	MYOKOUZAN	Hirata Masayuki
Nagano	ENDO BREWERY INC.	KEIRYUU	Takano Shin
Nagano	KABUSIKIKAISYA SHUSENKURANO	KAWANAKAJIMA-GENBU	Chino Mariko
Nagano	DAISHINSYU BREWERIES INC.	DAISHINSYU	Kobayasi Yukiyo
Nagano	KAMETAYASHUZOUTEN CORPORATION	SHUHOALPSMASAMUNE	Kiyoto Yukihiro
Nagano	MARUNAGASHUZOJO LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	TAKANAMI	Nagahara Motoharu
Nagano	KIKUSUI SYUZOU CORPORATION	KIKUSUI	Kawaguchi Hisao
Nagano	MIYASAKA BREWING COMPANY, LTD.	MASUMI	Hirabayashi Kazuyuki
Nagano	ONO SHUZOUTEN CORPORATION	YOKEMAE	Sasou Michihiro
Nagano	KADOGUCHISHUZO CO., LTD.	HOKKOMASAMUNE	Muramatsu Yuya
Nagano	TSUCHIYASHUZOTEN CORPORATION	KAMENOUMI	Hatakeyama Nobuhiro
Nagano	TOTSUKA SHUZOU CORPORATION	KANCHIKU	Nishimura Kazuhiko
Nagano	NISHIO SHUZOU CORPORATION	KISONO KAKEHASHI	Sato Masato

Appendix 4

List of Prize winning sake manufacturers of Junmai-shu section in Kanto-Shinetsu Sake Awards 2015

List of Excellence Prize winners in Junmai-shu section

Prefecture	Manufacturer	Trade Name	Brewmaster etc.
Ibaraki	YOSHIKUBOSHUZOU CORPORATION	IPPIN	Suzuki Tadayuki
Ibaraki	MORISHIMA SHUZOU CORPORATION	TAIKAN	Morishima Shoichiro
Ibaraki	URAZATOSHUZOUTEN CORPORATION	KIRITSUKUBA	Sasaki Keihachi
Ibaraki	HIROSE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP COMPANY	KASUMINOSATO	Komatsu Noritsugu
Ibaraki	AOKI SHUZOU CORPORATION	GOKEIJI	Yanai Kazuhiro
Ibaraki	BUYŪ CORPORATION	BUYŪ NAGOYAKA	Hosaka Daijirou
Ibaraki	YUUKI SYUZOU KABUSHIKIKAISHA	MUSUBI YUI	Urasato Michiko
Ibaraki	OKABE GOUMEIGAISHA	MATSUZAKARI	Fujisaka Shinichi
Ibaraki	AIYU SHUZO CO., LTD.	AIYU	Tada Ichiro
Tochigi	UTSUNOMIYA SHUZO CORPORATION	SHIKISAKURA	Imai Shohei
Tochigi	TORAYA HONTEN CORPORATION	KIKU	Tenmaya Makoto
Tochigi	IINUMAMEIYOU CORPORATION	SUGINAMIKI	Iinuma Tetsunori
Tochigi	DAIICHI SHUZOU CORPORATION	KAIKA	Ninomiya Shunichi
Tochigi	SOHOMARE SAKE BREWERY CO., LTD.	SOHOMARE	Akita Toru
Tochigi	TSUJIZENBEI CORPORATION	TSUJIZENBEI	Tsuji Hiroyuki
Tochigi	WATANABE SHUZOU CORPORATION	KYOKUKOU	Ishii Hiroshi
Tochigi	SHIMAZAKISHUZOU CORPORATION	AZUMARIKISI	Ōuchi Katsumi
Gunma	MACHIDA SHUZOUTEN CORPORATION	SEIRYOU	Machida Emi
Gunma	MAKINOSHUZO	OSAKAZUKI	Iwashimizu Fumio
Gunma	TAKAI CORPORATION	IWAO	Yamaguchi Kazunori
Gunma	MATSUYA SYUZOU KABUSIKI KAISHA	HIRAIJO	Matsubara Sanyu
Gunma	KIMUSUMESHUZO CORPORATION	KIMUSUME	Yoshida Kazuhiro
Saitama	TOA SHUZO CORPORATION	HAREGIKUBUSHUU	Maruyama Hirokatsu
Saitama	BUNRAKU CORPORATION	BUNRAKU	Murakami Daisuke
Niigata	IMAYOTSUKASA CORPORATION	IMAYOTSUKASA	Takasugi Osamu
Niigata	MINENOHAKUBAISHUZOU CORPORATION	MINENOHAKUBAI	Yamasiro Tetsuya
Niigata	ASAHI-SHUZO SAKE BREWING CO., LTD. ASAHIGURA	ASAHIYAMA	Yamaga Motoyoshi
Niigata	KOSHIMEIYOU CORPORATION	KOSHINOTSURU	Asano Hirofumi
Niigata	YUKITSUBAKISHUZO CO., LTD.	KOSHINOYUKITSUBAKI	Iizuka Taiichi
Niigata	HARASHUZO SEITYOGURA	KOSHINOHOMARE	Hirano Yasuo

Niigata	ICHISHIMA SHUZOU CORPORATION	OMON	Tanaka Takeshi
Niigata	KIKUSUI SAKE CO., LTD. NINOUI GURA	KIKUSUI	Ito Jun
Niigata	SHIRATAKI SHUZOU CORPORATION	JOZENMIZUNOGOTOSHI	Yamaguchi Shingo
Niigata	MATSUNOI SHUZOUJYOU CORPORATION	MATSUNOI	Furusawa Yutaka
Niigata	MIYAO SAKE BREWING CO., LTD.	SHIMEHARITSURU	Yoshida Osamu
Niigata	TAKEDA SHUZO CO.,LTD.	KATAFUNO	Kobayashi Yoshio
Niigata	CHIYONOHOKARI CORPORATION	CHIYONOHOKARI	Katagiri Kiyosi
Niigata	MYOKOUSHUZOU CORPORATION	MYOKOUZAN	Hirata Masayuki
Nagano	IMAI SHUZOUTEN CORPORATION	WAKAMIDORI	Matsumoto Osamu
Nagano	ENDO BREWERY INC.	KEIRYUU	Takano Shin
Nagano	DAISHINSYU BREWERIES INC.	NACHITOGOKOTI	Kobayasi Yukiyosi
Nagano	TAKAHASHISUKESAKUSHUZOTEN	MATSUWO	Komamura Koji
Nagano	NISHI IIDA SHUZOUTEN CORPORATION	SEKIZEN	Iida Kazumoto
Nagano	YOSHINOYA CORPORATION	NISHINOMON	Harada Hiroo
Nagano	OKAZAKI SHUZOU CORPORATION	KIREI	Okazaki Midori
Nagano	SHINSHU MEIJO CORPORATION	SHUHOKIKUZAKARI	Kudo Arimichi
Nagano	KOTEN SHUZOU CORPORATION	KOTEN	Ito Satoshi
Nagano	SUWA OTSUYA HONKE SYUZOU KABUSHIKIGAISSYA	DAIYAGIKU	Takahashi Yusuke
Nagano	MIYASAKA BREWING COMPANY,LTD.	MASUMI	Hirabayashi Kazuyuki
Nagano	MIYASAKA BREWING COMPANY,LTD. FUJIMI BREWERY	MASUMI	Nakano Atsushi
Nagano	ONO SHUZOUTEN CORPORATION	YOAKEMAE	Sasou Michihiro
Nagano	KADOGUCHISHUZO CO., LTD.	HOKKOMASAMUNE	Muramatsu Yuya
Nagano	MARUSESYUZOUTEN CORPORATION	MOTIGOMEATUGAKEYODAN HINODENO IKIOIMASAMUNE	Seki Sinji
Nagano	DAISEKKEI SHUZOU CORPORATION	DAISEKKEI GINKAN	Nagase Mamoru
Nagano	KIUTI JYOUJOU CORPORATION	HATUUGUISU KIIPON	Komatu Masasi
Nagano	CHIKUMANISHIKI SHUZOU CORPORATION LIMITED	CHIKUMANISHIKI	Shigeta Norikazu
Nagano	FUYOU SHUZOU CORPORATION	YOYOINOYOI	Yanagisawa Kiyoshi