

Kanto-Shinetsu Sake Awards 2016

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 2016 marked the 87th.

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 2016) 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, 182 were exhibited from 182 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 4th and 5th, 2016, and the second (and final) round on October 12th, 2016. Following a strict but fair judging process, the Regional Commissioner Motohide Hashimoto 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 Hashimoto also gave Excellence Prizes to 56 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 2016

The Grand Prize

Prefecture	Manufacturer	Trade Name	Brewmaster etc.
Niigata	HIKI SHUZOU CORPORATION	TSURUNOTOMO	Higuchi Muneyoshi

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

Prefecture	Manufacturer	Trade Name	Brewmaster etc.
Ibaraki	TSUKINOISHUZOUTEN CORPORATION	TSUKINOI	Kikuchi Shouetsu
Ibaraki	YOSHIKUBOSHUZOU CORPORATION	IPPIN	Suzuki Tadayuki
Ibaraki	HIROSE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP COMPANY	SHIRAGIKU	Komatsu Noritsugu
Ibaraki	AOKI SHUZOU CORPORATION	GOKEIJI	Yanai Kazuhiro
Ibaraki	HAGIWARA SHUZOU CORPORATION	TOKUMASAMUNE	Hagiwara Yasuhisa
Ibaraki	BUYU CORPORATION	BUYU	Hosaka Daijiro
Ibaraki	OKABE GOUMEIGAISHA	MATSUZAKARI	Fujisaka Shinichi
Ibaraki	NEMOTO SHUZOU CORPORATION	KUJINOYAMA	Kikuchi Michirou
Ibaraki	AIYU SHUZO CO., LTD.	AIYU	Tada Ichiro
Tochigi	SOHOMARE SAKE BREWERY CO., LTD.	SOHOMARE	Akita Toru
Tochigi	TSUJIZENBEE CORPORATION	SAKURAGAWA	Tsuji Hiroyuki
Tochigi	TONOIKE SHUZOUTEN	SANRAN	Ono Makoto
Tochigi	WATANABE SHUZOU CORPORATION	KYOKUKO	Ishii Hiroshi
Gunma	MACHIDA SHUZOUTEN	SEIRYO	Machida Emi
Gunma	SHIBASAKI SHUZOU CORPORATION	FUNAOTAKI	Fukushima Takashi
Gunma	TSUCHIDA SHUZOU CORPORATION	HOMAREKOKKOU	Hoshino Genki
Gunma	SEITOKUMEIJO CORPORATION	HOOSEITOKU	Takizawa Mikio
Gunma	ASAMASYUZOU KABUSHIKIGAISSYA HONSYAKOUJOU	KUSATSU BUSHI	Kobayashi Takahiro
Gunma	ASAMASYUZOU KABUSHIKIGAISSYA DAINIKOUJOU	HIGEN	Sakurai Takeshi
Gunma	KIMUSUMESHUZO CORPORATION	KIMUSUME	Yoshida Kazuhiro
Saitama	TAKIZAWA BREWING COMPANY,LTD.	KIKUIZUMI	Takizawa Hideyuki
Saitama	KAMAYA CORPORATION	RIKISHI	Matsunuma Hiroaki
Saitama	KANBAI SHUZOU CORPORATION	KANBAI	Suzuki Takahiro
Saitama	BUNRAKU CORPORATION	BUNRAKU	Murakami Daisuke
Niigata	ISHIMOTO SAKE BREWERY CO., LTD.	KOSHI NO KANBAI	Takeuchi Shinichi

Prefecture	Manufacturer	Trade Name	Brewmaster etc.
Niigata	TAKANO SHUZOU CORPORATION	KOSHIJI FUBUKI	Ishikawa Hiroki
Niigata	KIRINZAN SHUZO CORPORATION	KIRINZAN	Hasegawa Yoshiaki
Niigata	ASAHI-SHUZO SAKE BREWING CO., LTD. ASAHIGURA	ASAHIYAMA	Yamaga Motoyoshi
Niigata	ASAHI-SHUZO SAKE BREWING CO., LTD. SHORAIGURA	ASAHIYAMA	Go Masahiro
Niigata	KAWACHU SHUZOU	SOUTENBOU	Nomizu Masuo
Niigata	MOROHASHI SHUZOU CORPORATION	KOSHINO KAGETORA	Tanaka Masayuki
Niigata	FUKUGAO SHUZOU CORPORATION	ECHIGO IKARASHIGAWA	Irie Atsushi
Niigata	HARASHUZOU WAJYOGURA	KOSHINOHOMARE	Ishiguro Yoshikazu
Niigata	ICHISHIMA SHUZOU CORPORATION	OMON	Tanaka Takeshi
Niigata	KIKUSUI SAKE CO., LTD. NINOJIGURA	KIKUSUI	Ito Jun
Niigata	FUJINOI SHUZOU CORPORATION	FUJINOI	Koike Satoru
Niigata	AOKI SYUZOU KABUSIKIKAISYA	KAKUREI	Imai Takahiro
Niigata	TAKACHIYO SHUZOU	TAKACHIYO	Abe Shigeo
Niigata	NIIGATAMEIJO CORPORATION	CHOJAZAKARI	Hosokawa Tadakiyo
Niigata	HAKKAIJYOUZOU CORPORATION	HAKKAISAN	Tanaka Tsutomu
Niigata	TSUNANJOZO CORPORATION	KIRINOTOH	Takizawa Masaya
Niigata	MIYAO SAKE BREWING CO., LTD.	SHIMEHARITSURU	Yoshida Osamu
Niigata	KIMINOI SHUZO CO., LTD.	KIMINOI	Hayatsu Hiroshi
Niigata	MARUYAMA BREWING COMPANY LIMITED	SETCHUUBAI	Murayama Toshirou
Nagano	SHUSENKURANO CORPORATION	KAWANAKAJIMA GENBU	Chino Mariko
Nagano	NISHIIIDA SHUZOUTEN	SHINANOHIKARI	Iida Kazumoto
Nagano	KAMETAYASHUZOUTEN CORPORATION	SHUHO ALPSMASAMUNE	Kiyoto Yukihiro
Nagano	MARUNAGASHUZOJO LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	TAKANAMI	Nagahara Motoharu
Nagano	OKAZAKI SHUZOU CORPORATION	KIREI	Okazaki Midori
Nagano	SHINSHUMEIJO CORPORATION	SHUHO KIKUZAKARI	Kudo Arimichi
Nagano	KIKUSUISYUZOU CORPORATION	KIKUSUI	Kawaguchi Hisao
Nagano	KOTEN SHUZOU CORPORATION	KOTEN	Takahashi Mie
Nagano	MIYASAKA BREWING COMPANY,LTD. MASUMI SUWAKURA	MASUMI	Hirabayashi Kazuyuki
Nagano	ONOSHUZOUTEN CORPORATION	YOAKEMAE	Sasou Michihiro
Nagano	USUI SHOUTEN CORPORATION	HAKUBANISHIKI	Matsuura Hiroyuki
Nagano	OSAWA SAKE BREWERY CO., LTD.	MEIKYOSHISUI	Osawa Minoru
Nagano	SAKUNOHANA SHUZOU	SAKUNOHANA	Inoue Tatsuyuki
Nagano	TOTSUKA SHUZOU CORPORATION	KANCHIKU	Nishimura Kazuhiko
Nagano	YUKAWA SAKE BREWERY CO., LTD.	KISOJI	Yukawa Shinichi

Appendix 4

List of Prize winning sake manufacturers of Junmai-shu section in Kanto-Shinetsu Sake Awards 2016

List of Excellence Prize winners in Junmai-shu section

Prefecture	Manufacturer	Trade Name	Brewmaster etc.
Ibaraki	ISOKURA SAKE BREWERY	INASATO	Ishikawa Hiroyuki
Ibaraki	YOSHIKUBOSHUZOU CORPORATION	IPPIN	Suzuki Tadayuki
Ibaraki	MORISHIMA SHUZOU CORPORATION	TAIKAN	Morishima Shouichirou
Ibaraki	HIROSE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP COMPANY	SHIRAGIKU	Komatsu Noritsugu
Ibaraki	AOKI SHUZOU CORPORATION	GOKEIJI	Yanai Kazuhiro
Ibaraki	YUUKI SHUZOU CORPORATION	MUSUBI YUI	Urasato Michiko
Ibaraki	RAIFUKU SHUZOU CORPORATION	RAIFUKU	Satou Akira
Ibaraki	NEMOTO SHUZOU CORPORATION	KUJINOYAMA	Kikuchi Michirou
Ibaraki	AIYU SHUZO CO., LTD.	AIYU	Tada Ichiro
Tochigi	TORAYA HONTEN CORPORATION	KIKU	Tenmaya Makoto
Tochigi	DAIICHI SHUZOU CORPORATION	KAIKA	Ninomiya Shunichi
Tochigi	SOHOMARE SAKE BREWERY CO., LTD.	SOHOMARE	Akita Toru
Tochigi	TONOIKE SHUZOUTEN	SANRAN	Ono Makoto
Tochigi	SHIMAZAKISHUZOU CORPORATION	AZUMARIKISI	Ōuti Katumi
Gunma	MACHIDA SHUZOUTEN	MACHIDA SHUZOU	Machida Emi
Gunma	YANAGISAWA SHUZOU CORPORATION	KATSURAGAWA	Yanagisawa Keiji
Gunma	SHIBASAKI SHUZOU CORPORATION	FUNAOTAKI	Fukushima Takashi
Gunma	MAKINO SHUZO CORPORATION	O SAKAZUKI	Iwashimizu Fumio
Gunma	TAKAI CORPORATION	IWAO	Yamaguchi Kazunori
Gunma	MATSUYA SHUZO CORPORATION	HIRAIJYO	Matsubara Hiroyuki
Saitama	YOKOTASHUZO CORPORATION	NIHONBASI	Sekine Kiyoo
Saitama	YAO HONTEN CORPORATION	CHICHIBUNISIKI	Yao Hiroyuki
Saitama	KANBAI SHUZOU CORPORATION	KANBAI	Suzuki Takahiro
Saitama	BUNRAKU CORPORATION	BUNRAKU	Murakami Daisuke
Niigata	SASAIWAI SHUZOU CORPORATION	SASAIWAI	Hatakeyama Yoichi
Niigata	ASAHI-SHUZO SAKE BREWING CO., LTD. SHORAIGURA	ASAHIYAMA	Go Masahiro
Niigata	KUSUMI SHUZOU CORPORATION	KIYOIZUMI	Ishii Toshinori
Niigata	KOSHIMELJOU CORPORATION	KOSHINO TSURU	Asano Hirofumi
Niigata	MOROHASHI SHUZOU CORPORATION	KOSHINO KAGETORA	Tanaka Masayuki
Niigata	YUKITSUBAKI SHUZO CO., LTD.	KOSHINO YUKITSUBAKI	Iizuka Taiichi

Prefecture	Manufacturer	Trade Name	Brewmaster etc.
Niigata	HARASHUZOU WAJYOGURA	KOSHINOHOMARE	Ishiguro Yoshikazu
Niigata	ECHIGOZAKURA SHUZO CORPORATION	KOSHINONIHONZAKURA	Otake Go
Niigata	KIKUSUI SAKE CO., LTD. NINOIJIGURA	KIKUSUI	Ito Jun
Niigata	FUJINOI SHUZOU CORPORATION	FUJINOI	Koike Satoru
Niigata	SHIRATAKI SHUZŌ	JYOZENMIZUNOGOTOSHI	Yamaguchi Shingo
Niigata	TAKACHIYO SHUZOU	MAKIHATA	Abe Shigeo
Niigata	TAKANOISHUZOU CORPORATION	KOSINOHATSUUME	Kimura Akihiro
Niigata	TSUNANJOZO CORPORATION	KIRINOTOH	Takizawa Masaya
Niigata	MATSUNOI SHUZOU CORPORATION	MATSUNOI	Furusawa Yutaka
Niigata	MIYAO SAKE BREWING CO., LTD.	SHIMEHARITSURU	Yoshida Osamu
Niigata	TAKEDA SHUZO CO.,LTD.	KATAFUNI	Kobayashi Yoshio
Niigata	MARUYAMA BREWING COMPANY LIMITED	SETCHUUBAI	Murayama Toshiro
Nagano	SHUSENKURANO CORPORATION	KAWANAKAJIMA	Chino Mariko
Nagano	TAKASAWA SHUZOU CORPORATION	TOYOKA	Takasawa Kayoko
Nagano	MATSUWO SAKE CORPORATION	MATSUWO	Komamura Koji
Nagano	KIKUSUISYUZOU CORPORATION	KIKUSUI	Kawaguchi Hisao
Nagano	KOTEN SHUZOU CORPORATION	KOTEN	Takahashi Mie
Nagano	KADOGUCHI SHUZO CO., LTD.	HOKKOMASAMUNE	Muramatsu Yuya
Nagano	SHIGAIZUMI SHUZOU CORPORATION	SHIGAIZUMI	Nakayama Yoshiki
Nagano	TAMAMURA HONTEN CORPORATION	ENGI	Yamamoto Tsukasa
Nagano	MARUSESHUZOUTEN CORPORATION	HINODENOIKIOIMASAMUNE	Seki Sinji
Nagano	DAISEKKEISHUZOU CORPORATION	DAISEKKEI	Nagase Mamoru
Nagano	HOKUAN JYOUZOU CORPORATION	HOKUAN-DAIKOKU	Yamazaki Yoshiyuki
Nagano	FUYOU SHUZOU CORPORATION	HIMEKANADE	Yanagisawa Kiyoshi
Nagano	NAKAZEN BREWING COMPANY,LTD.	NAKANORISAN	YamaguchiTakashi
Nagano	NANAWARAI SHUZOU CORPORATION	NANAWARAI	Yanagisawa Satoru