

# Kanto-Shinetsu Sake Awards 2019

(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 2019 marked the 90th.

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.



Six prefectures in the Kanto-Shinetsu region of Japan

The most recent awards (Kanto-Shinetsu Sake Awards 2019) consisted of three categories. The first category was for *Ginjo-shu* sake, a type of sake that has a fruity flavor and has been described as *a work of art* among sake. The second category was for *Junmai-shu* sake that is made solely from high quality rice and has a fragrant and complex flavor. The last category was for *Junmai Ginjo-shu* sake, a beautiful combination of rich and fruity flavor of *Ginjo-shu* sake with fragrant and tasteful flavor of *Junmai-shu* sake.

The six prefectures of the Kanto-Shinetsu region are blessed with outstanding natural beauty and best climate conditions for brewing sake. For the Kanto-Shinetsu Sake Awards 2019, 157 products were exhibited in the *Ginjo-shu* category, 174 in the *Junmai Ginjo-shu* sake category and 86 in the *Junmai-shu* category from many traditional sake breweries (*Meijo-kura*) in Kanto-Shinetsu region.

The judging panel, who used all their senses to evaluate the quality of the exhibits, carried out the first and second round of judging on October 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Following a strict but fair judging process, Kazutomi Kurihara, the Regional Commissioner of the Kanto-Shinetsu Regional Taxation Bureau, awarded the Grand Prize to a manufacturer who achieved the highest score in each of the three categories (the *Ginjo-shu* category, the *Junmai Ginjo-shu* category and the *Junmai-shu* category), and also gave Special Prizes to two other manufacturers that achieved the highest scores in each of the three categories following the Grand Prizes. Furthermore, the Commissioner Kurihara also gave Excellence Prizes to 50 manufacturers in the *Ginjo-shu* category, 51 manufacturers in the *Junmai Ginjo-shu* category and 24 manufacturers in the *Junmai-shu* category that achieved excellent scores.

## 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 public organizations 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* category list

*Junmai Ginjo-shu* category list

*Junmai-shu* category list

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Kanto-Shinetsu sake brewery map (Japanese)

## Appendix

## List of Prize winning sake manufacturers of Ginjo-shu category in Kanto-Shinetsu Sake Awards 2019

## The Grand Prize

Prefecture	Manufacturer	Trade Name	Brewmaster etc.
Niigata	ASAHI-SHUZO SAKE BREWING CO., LTD. ASAHIGURA	KUBOTA	Yamaga Motoyoshi

## The Special Prize

Prefecture	Manufacturer	Trade Name	Brewmaster etc.
Gunma	SHIMAOKA SHUZOU CO., LTD.	GUNMAIZUMI	Shimaoka Toshinori
Nagano	OKAZAKI SHUZOU CORPORATION	KIREI	Okazaki Midori

## The Excellence Prize

Prefecture	Manufacturer	Trade Name	Brewmaster etc.
Ibaraki	MEIRISHURUI CORPORATION	FUKUSHOGUN	Kaito Shigeki
Ibaraki	MORISHIMA SHUZOU CO., LTD.	FUJITAIKAN	Morishima Shouichirou
Ibaraki	URAZATO SAKE BREWERY COMPANY	KIRITSUKUBA	Sasaki Keihachi
Ibaraki	HIROSE COMPANY	SHIRAGIKU	Komatu Noritugu
Ibaraki	AOKI SHUZOU CO., LTD.	GOKEIJI	Yanai Kazuhiro
Ibaraki	BUYU CORPORATION	BUYU	Hosaka Daijiro
Ibaraki	RAIFUKU SHUZOU CO., LTD.	RAIFUKU	Satou Akira
Ibaraki	NEMOTO SHUZOU CO., LTD.	KUJINOYAMA	Kikuchi Michiro
Tochigi	DAIICHI SHUZOU CO., LTD.	KAIKA	Ninomiya Shunichi
Tochigi	SOHOMARE SAKE BREWERY CO., LTD.	SOHOMARE	Akita Toru
Tochigi	TSUJIZENBEISHOTEN CO., LTD.	SAKURAGAWA	Tsuji Hiroyuki
Tochigi	TONOIKE SHUZOUTEN	SANRAN	Ono Makoto
Tochigi	WATANABE SHUZO CO., LTD.	KYOKUKO	Watanabe Hidenori
Tochigi	TOMIKAWA SHUZOUTEN CO., LTD.	CHUAI	Tomikawa Mariko
Tochigi	MATSUISHUZOTEN CORPORAITION	MATSUNOKOTOBUKI	Matsui Nobutaka
Gunma	MACHIDA SHUZOUTEN CO., LTD.	SEIRYO	Machida Emi
Gunma	SHIBASAKISYUZOU CO., LTD.	FUNAOTAKI	Fukushima Takashi
Gunma	SEITOKU MEIJO CO., LTD.	HOOSEITOKU	Takizawa Mikio
Gunma	KIMUSUMESHUZO CORPORATION	KIMUSUME	Yoshida Kazuhiro
Saitama	KOEDOKAGAMIYAMASYUZOU CO., LTD.	KAGAMIYAMA	Kakinuma Kazuhiro
Saitama	KAMAYA CO., LTD.	RIKISHI	Matsunuma Hiroaki
Saitama	KITANISHI SHUZOU CO., LTD.	BUNRAKU	Murakami Daisuke
Niigata	ISHIMOTO SAKE BREWERY CO., LTD.	KOSHI NO KANBAI	Takeuchi Shinichi
Niigata	ECHIGO SHUZOJO CORPORATION	KOSHI NO HAPPO	Nishijima Toru

Prefecture	Manufacturer	Trade Name	Brewmaster etc.
Niigata	DHC SHUZOU CO., LTD.	KOSHINOBAIRI	Takyu Kiminori
Niigata	KIRINZAN SHUZO CORPORATION	KIRINZAN	Hasegawa Yoshiaki
Niigata	OFUKU SHUZOU CO., LTD.	OFUKU MASAMUNE	Nakano Yoshikazu
Niigata	MOROHASHI SHUZOU CORPORATION	KOSHINO KAGETORA	Asai Masaru
Niigata	YOSHINOOGAWA CO., LTD.	YOSHINOOGAWA	Fujino Masatsugu
Niigata	HARASHUZOU CO., LTD.	KOSHINOHOMARE	Ishiguro Yoshikazu
Niigata	ECHIGOZAKURA SHUZOU CORPORATION	ECHIGOZAKURA	Otake Go
Niigata	AOKI SHUZOU CO., LTD.	KAKUREI	Higuchi Muneyoshi
Niigata	NIIGATAMEIJO CORPORATION	CHOJAZAKARI	Hoshino Atushi
Niigata	NAEBA SHUZOU CO., LTD.	NAEBASAN	Uchiyama Katsuya
Niigata	TAIYOU SHUZOU CO., LTD.	TAIYOUZAKARI	Hirata Shu
Niigata	KUBIKISHUZO CO., LTD.	KOSHIJINOKOBAI	Yoshizaki Tsukasa
Niigata	MARUYAMA SHUZOUJYOU CO., LTD.	SETCHUUBAI	Murayama Toshirou
Niigata	HOKUSETSU SHUZOU CORPORATION	HOKUSETSU	Tsuruma Kazuo
Nagano	SHUSENKURANO CO., LTD.	KAWANAKAJIMA GENBU	Chino Mariko
Nagano	KAMETAYASHUZOTEN	ALPS MASAMUNE	Ito Daiji
Nagano	MARUNAGASHUZOJO LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	TAKANAMI	Nagahara Motoharu
Nagano	KOTEN SHUZOU CORPORATION	KOTEN	Oguchi Mie
Nagano	TOSHIMAYA CORPORATION	MIWATARI	Komatsu Yukio
Nagano	MIYASAKA BREWING COMPANY, LTD. MASUMI SUWAKURA	MASUMI	Hirabayashi Kazuyuki
Nagano	ONOSHUZOUTEN CORPORATION	YOAKEMAE	Kiyoto Yukihiro
Nagano	KADOGUCHI SHUZO CO., LTD.	HOKKO MASAMUNE	Muramatsu Yuya
Nagano	DAISEKKEI SHUZOU	DAISEKKEI	Nagase Mamoru
Nagano	SAKUNOHANA SHUZOU CO., LTD.	SAKUNOHANA	Inoue Tatsuyuki
Nagano	CHIKUMANISHIKI SHUZOU CORPORATION LIMITED	CHIKUMANISHIKI	Shigeta Norikazu
Nagano	NAKAZEN BREWING COMPANY, LTD.	NAKANORISAN	Yamaguchi Takashi

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List of Prize winning sake manufacturers of Junmai Ginjo-shu category in Kanto-Shinetsu Sake Awards 2019

The Grand Prize

Prefecture	Manufacturer	Trade Name	Brewmaster etc.
Gunma	KIMUSUMESHUZO CORPORATION	SAKUYABI	Yoshida Kazuhiro

The Special Prize

Prefecture	Manufacturer	Trade Name	Brewmaster etc.
Ibaraki	HUCHU HOMARE SAKE COMPANY	WATARIBUNE	Nakajima Isao
Tochigi	TONOIKE SHUZOUTEN	SANRAN	Ono Makoto

The Excellence Prize

Prefecture	Manufacturer	Trade Name	Brewmaster etc.
Ibaraki	YOSHIKUBO SHUZOU CO., LTD.	IPPIN	Suzuki Tadayuki
Ibaraki	MORISHIMA SHUZOU CO., LTD.	FUJITAIKAN	Morishima Shouichirou
Ibaraki	URAZATO SAKE BREWERY COMPANY	KIRITSUKUBA	Sasaki Keihachi
Ibaraki	HIROSE COMPANY	SEN	Komatu Noritugu
Ibaraki	AOKI SHUZOU CO., LTD.	GOKEIJI	Yanai Kazuhiro
Ibaraki	BUYU CORPORATION	BUYU	Hosaka Daijro
Ibaraki	YUKISHUZOU CO., LTD.	MUSUBIYUI	Urasato Michiko
Ibaraki	RAIFUKU SHUZOU CO., LTD.	RAIFUKU	Satou Akira
Ibaraki	OKABE GOUMEIGAISHA	MATSUZAKARI	Fujisaka Shinichi
Ibaraki	KIUCHI SYUZOU GOUSHIKAISYA	KIKUSAKARI	Yamada Jun
Ibaraki	NEMOTO SHUZOU CO., LTD.	KAMIMARU	Kikuchi Michiro
Tochigi	TORAYA HONTEN CO., LTD.	SHICHISUI	Tenmaya Makoto
Tochigi	SOHOMARE SAKE BREWERY CO., LTD.	SOHOMARE	Akita Toru
Tochigi	TENTAKA SHUZOU CO., LTD.	TENTAKA	Sugumachi Couetu
Tochigi	WATANABE SHUZO CO., LTD.	KYOKUKO	Watanabe Hidenori
Tochigi	MATSUISHUZOTEN CORPORAITON	MATSUNOKOTOBUKI	Matsui Nobutaka
Gunma	MACHIDA SHUZOUTEN CO., LTD.	MACHIDA SHUZOU	Machida Emi
Gunma	YANAGISAWA SHUZOU CO., LTD.	KATSURAGAWA	Yanagisawa Keiji
Gunma	MAKINO SHUZO CO., LTD.	OSAKAZUKI	Iwashimizu Fumio
Gunma	TSUCHIDASHUZO CORPORATION	HOMAREKOKKO	Hoshino Genki
Gunma	NAGAI SAKE INC.	MIZUBASHO	Goto Kenji
Gunma	ASAMASHUJO DAINIKOJO	HIGEN	Fujiwara Satoshi
Saitama	ISHIISHUZO CORPORATION	HOUMEI	Fukahori Ryuichi
Niigata	IMAYOTSUKASA SHUZOU KABUSHIKIGAISYA	IMAYOTSUKASAGOKUJOU	Furuta Satoru

Prefecture	Manufacturer	Trade Name	Brewmaster etc.
Niigata	KOSHIMEIJO CO., LTD.	ICHIJOH	Asano Hirofumi
Niigata	MASUKAGAMI CORPORATION	MASUKAGAMI	Tajima Kouzou
Niigata	YUKITSUBAKI SHUZO CO., LTD.	KOSHINO YUKITSUBAKI	Iizuka Taiichi
Niigata	AOKI SHUZOU CO., LTD.	KAKUREI	Higuchi Muneyoshi
Niigata	TAKACHIYO SHUZOU CO., LTD.	MAKIHATA	Abe Shigeo
Niigata	NIIGATAMEIJO CORPORATION	CHOJAZAKARI	Hoshino Atushi
Niigata	MATSUNOI SHUZOU CORPORATION	MATSUNOI	Furusawa Yutaka
Niigata	TAIYOU SHUZOU CO., LTD.	TAIYOUZAKARI	Hirata Shu
Nagano	MATSUWO SAKE CORPORATION	MATSUWO	Komamura Koji
Nagano	YOSHINOYA CO., LTD.	NISHINOMON	Harada Hiroo
Nagano	KAMETAYASHUZOTEN	ALPS MASAMUNE	Ito Daiji
Nagano	MARUNAGASHUZOJO LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	TAKANAMI	Nagahara Motoharu
Nagano	YOIKANA SHUZOU CO., LTD.	METOBANOIZUMI	Negishi Norio
Nagano	OKAZAKI SHUZOU CORPORATION	KIREI	Okazaki Midori
Nagano	KIKUSUI SYUZOU CO., LTD.	KIKUSUI	Kawaguchi Hisao
Nagano	KOTEN SHUZOU CORPORATION	KOTEN	Oguchi Mie
Nagano	MIYASAKA BREWING COMPANY, LTD. MASUMI SUWAKURA	MASUMI	Hirabayashi Kazuyuki
Nagano	ONOSHUZOUTEN CORPORATION	YOAKEMAE	Kiyoto Yukihiro
Nagano	MIYAJIMA BREWERY CO.	SHINANO NISHIKI	Miyashita Takuya
Nagano	YONEZAWA SHUZOU CO., LTD.	IMANISHIKI	Sakaguchi Shunya
Nagano	KADOGUCHI SHUZO CO., LTD.	HOKKO MASAMUNE	Muramatsu Yuya
Nagano	DAISEKKEI SHUZOU	DAISEKKEI	Nagase Mamoru
Nagano	FUKUGEN SHUZOU CO., LTD.	KITA ALPS	Suzuki Tatsuya
Nagano	SAKUNOHANA SHUZOU CO., LTD.	SAKUNOHANA	Inoue Tatsuyuki
Nagano	CHIKUMANISHIKI SHUZOU CORPORATION LIMITED	CHIKUMANISHIKI	Shigeta Norikazu
Nagano	NAKAZEN BREWING COMPANY, LTD.	NAKANORISAN	Yamaguchi Takashi
Nagano	YUKAWA SAKE BREWERY CO., LTD.	KISOJI	Yukawa Shinichi

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Niigata	TAKACHIYO SHUZOU CO., LTD.	TAKACHIYO	Abe Shigeo

## The Special Prize

Prefecture	Manufacturer	Trade Name	Brewmaster etc.
Niigata	MARUYAMA SHUZOUJYOU CO., LTD.	SETCHUUBAI	Murayama Toshirou
Gunma	MAKINO SHUZO CO., LTD.	OSAKAZUKI	Iwashimizu Fumio

## The Excellence Prize

Prefecture	Manufacturer	Trade Name	Brewmaster etc.
Ibaraki	ISOKURA SAKE BREWERY	INASATO	Ishikawa Hiroyuki
Ibaraki	MORISHIMA SHUZOU CO., LTD.	FUJITAIKAN	Morishima Shouichirou
Ibaraki	INABA SHUZO	MINANOGAWA	Matsuura Masao
Ibaraki	BUYU CORPORATION	BUYU	Hosaka Daijiro
Ibaraki	RAIFUKU SHUZOU CO., LTD.	RAIFUKU	Satou Akira
Tochigi	DAIICHI SHUZOU CO., LTD.	KAIKA	Ninomiya Shunichi
Tochigi	SOHOMARE SAKE BREWERY CO., LTD.	SOHOMARE	Akita Toru
Tochigi	TONOIKE SHUZOUTEN	BOU	Ono Makoto
Tochigi	WATANABE SHUZO CO., LTD.	KYOKUKO	Watanabe Hidenori
Gunma	NAGAI SAKE INC.	TANIGAWADAKE	Goto Kenji
Niigata	TAKANO SHUZOU CO., LTD.	KOSHIJI FUBUKI	Ishikawa Hiroki
Niigata	ASAHI-SHUZO SAKE BREWING CO., LTD. ASAHIGURA	ASAHIYAMA	Yamaga Motoyoshi
Niigata	OFUKU SHUZOU CO., LTD.	OFUKUMASAMUNE	Nakano Yoshikazu
Niigata	MOROHASHI SHUZOU CORPORATION	KOSHINO KAGETORA	Asai Masaru
Niigata	YOSHINOOGAWA CO., LTD.	YOSHINOOGAWA	Fujino Masatsugu
Niigata	HARASHUZOU CO., LTD.	KOSHINOHOMARE	Ishiguro Yoshikazu
Niigata	TAKEDA SHUZO CO., LTD.	KATAFUNE	Takeda Shigenori
Niigata	MYOKOU SHUZOU CO., LTD.	MYOKOUZAN	Hirata Masayuki
Nagano	SHINSHUMEIJO CO., LTD.	MEIHO KIKUZAKARI	Kudo Arimichi
Nagano	ITOU SHUZOU CO., LTD.	YOKOBUE	Kobayashi Hiroshi
Nagano	MIYASAKA BREWING COMPANY, LTD. MASUMI SUWAKURA	MASUMI	Hirabayashi Kazuyuki
Nagano	KADOGUCHI SHUZO CO., LTD.	HOKKO MASAMUNE	Muramatsu Yuya
Nagano	OSAWA SAKE BREWERY CO., LTD.	MEIKYOSHISUI	Osawa Minoru
Nagano	KUROSAWA SAKE BREWERY CO., LTD.	MARUTO	Kurosawa Yohei