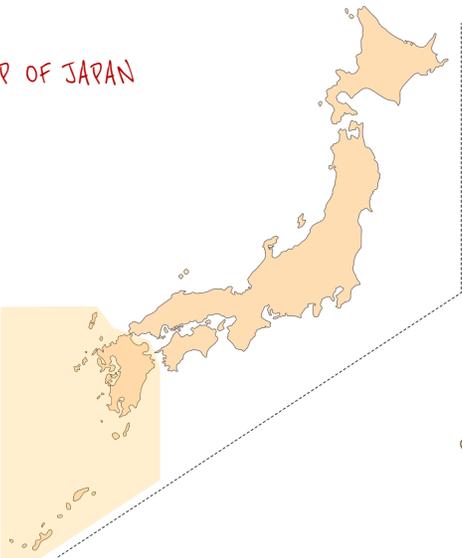


MAP OF JAPAN



MAP OF KYUSHU OKINAWA



SHOCHU SUNDAY

WHAT IS SHOCHU???

Shochu is a clear, single-distilled spirit from Japan that uses koji in the fermentation process. The flavor varies greatly depending on the base ingredient and the distillation methods.

There's something for everyone so let's find your favorite!

SO, WHAT'S KOJI?

Koji is the lifeblood of Japanese food and drink. It's a crucial fermentation tool that breaks down starches for condiments like soy sauce and miso, and drinks like sake and shochu.

It is the "National Mold" of Japan, and is the key to umami, which makes shochu an especially food-friendly spirit.

WHAT IS SHOCHU NOT?

Shochu is not sake. Sake is brewed, like beer, has a lower ABV (~14-20%) closer to wine, and is generally enjoyed straight from the bottle.

Shochu is distilled, has a higher ABV (~23-40%), and is generally enjoyed with some dilution, like pouring it on ice, or adding hot water.

Shochu is not soju. While there are some similarities between traditionally made soju and shochu, soju is Korean, while shochu is Japanese.

OVER 90% OF SHOCHU PRODUCTION

(and much of its consumption) happens down south in Kyushu. Each region has styles they are particularly known for, and they are deeply rooted in tradition and terroir.

Like Champagne, there are even four GIs for specific styles:

-  Iki Shochu mugi shochu
-  Satsuma Shochu imo shochu
-  Kuma Shochu kome shochu
-  Ryukyu Awamori rice spirit

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dip your toe in with some...
COCKTAILS etc

GOLDEN HOUR CHUHAI 17

Nankai Gold sugarcane shochu, pear brandy, tonic, soda

MUGI CHOCO CHUHAI 17

Mugi Hokka barley shochu, amaro, cacao, soda, cookie!

KISSATEN CHUHAI 17

Shiranami Genshu sweet potato shochu, coffee, hazelnut, soda

AGED SHOCHU OLD FASHIONED 20

iichiko Special barley shochu, calvados, bitters

DASHI - WARI? 16

Motoko rice shochu, katsuo dashi chaser

OKINAWAN BOILERMAKER 14

Orion Japanese Lager, shot of frozen awamori

a deeper dive
SHOCHU BY THE POUR [2 oz]

see the chart on the right!

can't decide?
SHOCHU FLIGHTS [1 oz x 3]

KOME 24

Shiro, Motoko, Mugon

IMO 24

Yamaneko, Satoh Kuro, Tenshi no Yuwaku

GOOD CLEAN FUN 24

Nankai, Mizu Green Tea, Dassai Sakekasu

BRING ON THE FUNK 24

Jakuunbaku, Shiranami Genshu, Seifuku Kusu

BASE INGREDIENTS

-  rice - kome, awamori, sakekasu
-  barley - mugi
-  sweet potato - imo
-  sugarcane - kokuto
-  soba
-  other

HOW TO SAJOR

-  neat
-  on the rocks
-  with soda
-  with hot water (oyuwari)

