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Item - Suntory Hibiki 17 Year Old Whiskey

Hibiki 17 year old - Review by Malty Mates Whisky Blog

Hibiki 17 year old is the product of Suntory Distillery, which is arguably the most famous of the Japanese distilleries that are taking the world by storm these days.

Hibiki is the name of the blended whisky series offered by Suntory since 1989. This blended product is created with the whiskies coming from other Suntory distilleries around Japan. These are Yamazaki (Malt), Hakushu (Malt) and Chita (Grain).

Although this is a blended whisky, it does not have grainy flavors, which is pretty common in other Scottish blends. This creates an unexpected surprise even for the experienced whisky lovers. Indeed due to its richness and quality, most of the people who drink this for the first time mistake it as a single malt rather than blend. For this reason and other, Hibiki 17's popularity in Japan increased immensely, making this one of the rare expressions that can be found out of the country.

Hibiki's bottle design is also very unique if you compare it to other Japanese distiller products. Anyone who has tried "Nikka from the Barrel" and/or "Nikka Pure Malt" will recognize the simple and minimalist design of these products. Hibiki, on the contrary, provides a impressive presentation in a 24 sided decanter, adorned with parchment label and heavy glass stopper.



Hibiki is also a very famous Hollywood Celebrity. In the movie "Lost in Transition" starring Bill Murray, Hibiki takes the leading role in the movie being the whisky to be advertised by the the leading actor.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Amber
- **Nose:** Sweet and richly flavored with hints of raisins and plums. Honey, caramel and candy aromas lingering around.
- **Palate:** All the notes from the nosing among light tropical fruits accompanied by vanilla, woody flavors of oak. A little bit of pepper/ spices
- **Finish:** Quite long finish. Nice balance of bitter woody notes and sweet fruits. Overall cinnamon and caramel...

Hibiki 17 is a smooth and rich expression. One of the finest examples of Japanese approach to Whisky making. Unfortunately due to increase demand in Japan and worldwide, this expression has become hard to find. If you can find one, grab it and don't let it go...

Quantity: 1

Approximate Value: \$190