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Welcome to our "Discover Shochu" website!

Japanese craft spirits consist of shochu, Japanese whiskey and gin, among others. Shochu is a largely unknown spirit in the world right now. However, we strongly believe it has big potential in the global market.

As a government-related organization, JETRO is now working hard to promote shochu exports from Japan to the world. This website helps you explore the attractions of shochu, and also supports you in finding partners to import it from Japan. So, please enjoy this "shochu world," and we welcome your feedback and inquires!!



Do you know Shochu?

Shochu and awamori are made using koji, a uniquely Japanese culture of fermentation, their production involves both brewing and distilling techniques. The production process is unusual, and the flavors are unique. To bartenders from overseas, it feels like a mysterious spirit that has evolved on its own in the eastern island nation of Zipangu.

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FLAVOR >

A unique aroma found only in shochu

Keyword

FILTRATION >

How oil is left in during filtration

determines the weight and character of

the shochu A mentality distinct from

other spirits around the world



KOJI >

Brewing with koji gives shochu its aroma, flavor, and oiliness, as well as a unique depth of sweetness



DISTILLATION>

Stainless steel stills give each distillation meaning



ALCOHOL BY VOLUME >

Keyword

05

Even with an alcohol content of 20 percent, shochu's strong flavors allow it to be used in cocktails



AGING >

From a global perspective, shochu is more valuable when it can be spoken of like whisky in terms of aging



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