Aizawa Nouen

あいざわ農園

OBIHIRO · HOKKAIDO · JAPAN

REGION	Obihiro, Hokkaido
EST.	2016
VINEYARD	5 ha
GRAPES	Yamasachi, Yamabudou, Kiyomi, Kiyomai, Yamako, Seibui and 4 more

ABOUT THE WINERY

Aizawa Nouen is a family-run natural winery in Tokachi, Obihiro, Hokkaido — the first new winery in the Tokachi region in 56 years. Founded by Ichiro Aizawa and his wife Rina, the estate farms 5 hectares of JAS-certified organic vineyards carved from virgin forest, cultivating cold-hardy Japanese hybrid and wild grape varieties entirely without pesticides or chemical fertilizers.

Wines are fermented with wild yeast, bottled unfiltered and unfined with minimal SO2. Beyond winemaking, Aizawa Nouen is committed to fostering a new generation of wineries in Tokachi and revitalizing the region.

WINEMAKING PHILOSOPHY

Winemaking is rooted in the belief that healthy, pesticide-free grapes grown in harmony with the surrounding forest will express their true character through natural fermentation. Vineyards were cleared from untouched Hokkaido wilderness, with ~2,000 trees planted around plots to recreate native ecosystem and encourage biodiversity.

ABOUT TOKACHI

Tokachi (十勝) is the eastern Hokkaido plain centered on Obihiro and Ikeda. Ikeda Town opened Japan's first municipally-operated winery here in 1963 — a regional revitalization experiment that became a model for postwar Japanese wine development.

www.d-i.wine/library/region/tokachi