



Niseko Winery

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NISEKO TOWN · HOKKAIDO · JAPAN



REGION	Niseko Town, Hokkaido
PRODUCER	Yasunori Homma
EST.	2016
VINEYARD	4.5 ha
GRAPES	Pinot Noir, Chardonnay
ANNUAL PRODUCTION	9,000 bottles

ABOUT THE WINERY

Niseko Winery is the only winery in the town of Niseko, perched on a hillside at the foot of Mount Yotei. It was founded in 2016 by Yasunori Homma, a former international banker who left banking to become a winemaker. The estate is organically certified, farming 4.5 hectares of vines in its own organic-certified vineyard in the Kondo district of Niseko — and produced Japan's first organically certified sparkling wine with 100% vitis vinifera varieties. No chemical fertilizers or herbicides are used at any point: pests are removed by hand, one by one, and weeds are cut by hand as well.

WINEMAKING PHILOSOPHY

Homma's approach is to work with — not against — Niseko's extreme conditions. After years spent on still wine, he turned to sparkling wine, recognizing that the region's naturally high acidity, long seen as a limitation, was in fact an asset for traditional-method sparkling production. Homma sees the winery as an extension of the Niseko brand beyond skiing: a way for visitors to experience the region through all five senses.

PRODUCTION

The winery produces 9,000 bottles a year from its 4.5-hectare vineyard, sold only at the winery itself and online. Each vintage sells out completely.

ABOUT NISEKO

Niseko is a small town on Japan's northern island of Hokkaido, set at the foot of Mount Yotei — a near-symmetrical volcanic peak often called “Ezo Fuji” for its resemblance to Mount Fuji. Niseko is one of Hokkaido's heaviest snowfall regions. In summer, though, the town benefits from long hours of sunshine, large swings between day and night temperatures, low humidity, and clear, unbroken skies through the vines' flowering in early July — conditions that together allow healthy grapes to be grown organically.

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